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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH

Public Library.

First Annual Report

OF THE

LIBRARIAN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1899.

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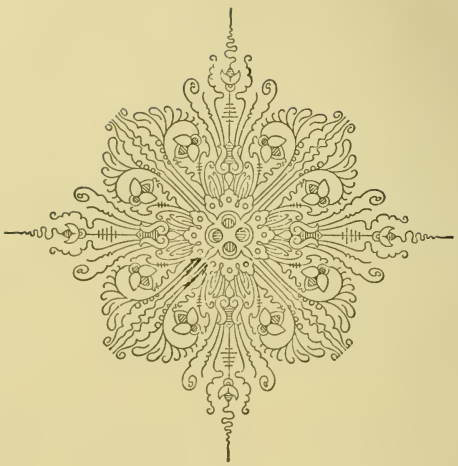

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Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION and FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1898-9.

Chairman:

COUNCILLOR DR. SIMPSON.

The Chairman of the Council:

A. R. BINGHAM, ESQ., J.P. (*ex-officio*).

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR.
,, PEARSON.
,, KILLEY.
,, DR. GERMAN.
,, WAKEFIELD.

Co-optative Members:

REV. ALBERT A. BENNETT.
REV. GEORGE A. BROCK.
MR. FREDERIC K. WILSON.

Librarian:

EDITH G. TAYLOR.

Assistants:

KATE FEARNSIDE. EDWARD ROSE.

JOHN I. THOMPSON,
Clerk to the Council.

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To the Chairman and Members of
The Technical Instruction and Free Library Committee
of the Urban District Council
of Waterloo-with-Seaforth.

GENTLEMEN,

Annual Report.

I have pleasure in submitting to you the First Annual Report upon the work and progress of the Library during the past year.

Reading Room Opened.

Following upon the appointment of your Librarian in November, 1897, the furnishing of rooms and purchase of books was proceeded with, and on the 17th January, 1898, the Reading Room was opened to the public from 2 to 10 p.m. The room has been well attended from the first, proving that some public provision for reading was required in the neighbourhood. The approximate number of visitors, counted hourly, has been 38,888, giving an average attendance of 169 per day.

Lending Library Opened.

With the completion of manuscript and card catalogues of the books, the hours of opening were changed to those more suited for lending purposes, and on October 24th, 1898, the Lending department was opened; the Library and Reading Room now being open from 9-30 a.m. to 9-30 p.m.

Supply and Demand for Books.

The demand for books has grown steadily with the increase of borrowers. There are 1086 borrowers and the stock of books is now 2854. The supply is scarcely equal to the demand, but as it is the desire of the Committee to purchase books in all the classes, this no doubt will be remedied by additions during the coming year.

Issues Lend'g Dept.

Issues Ref. Reading Room.

Largest day's issue.

The appended Issues for home reading show that the turnover for the last six months has been 15,371, giving a daily average of 118, while the books read and consulted in the Reading Room result in a total for the year of 5748. The largest day's issue during the 130 days the lending department has been open was on February 25th, 1899, when 322 books were handed over the counter.

Juvenile Borrowers.

The number of Juvenile Borrowers who avail themselves of the advantages of the Library is 177, of whom 54 are girls and 123 boys under 15 years of age, and, as indicated by the following tables, 236 entries are recorded to these Juvenile Readers.

Catalogues.

For the convenience of readers and the Library staff, a printed catalogue to contain the names and location of all the books in the Library must necessarily be printed during the current year. Hitherto, readers have had access only to the M.S. Catalogues and lists of books printed gratis by the local papers, supplemented by reprinted handlists of Biography and Travel.

Donors and Donations.

During the year many donations of books have been made to the Library, and a complete list is appended to this Report. These gifts are gratefully received, and it is to be hoped that the public will continue to help the work of the Library in this way. It is often possible to make up a valuable series of books from odd volumes, or even numbers of Periodicals given by many separate donors; and complete works, rare works, and books having a local interest are all most welcome.

Newspapers and Periodicals.

There are now supplied to the Library 10 daily, 23 weekly and 18 monthly papers and magazines, making a total of 51, of which 6 are presented.

Receipts and Expenditure.

Appended to this Report will be found a statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the years 1897-8 ending March, 1899.

In conclusion, I wish to express my grateful acknowledgments to the Committee for their confidence and consideration to me, to the local press, and other friendly hands for kindly help, and to my assistants for willing service rendered.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

EDITH G. TAYLOR,

Librarian.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in Lending and Reference Departments, from 17th January, 1898, to 25th March, 1899.

Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued. Ref. and Reading Room.	No. of Tickets Issued.	Total Number of Visitors.
15,371	5,748	1,086	38,888

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued. Ref. and Reading Room.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
January, 1898	—	242	1,126
February, ,,	—	279	2,121
March, ,,	—	356	2,554
April, ,,	—	131	1,368
May, ,,	—	122	2,254
June, ,,	—	150	1,753
July, ,,	—	213	1,580
August, ,,	—	710	3,182
Sept., ,,	—	711	2,869
October, ,,	198	618	3,157
Nov., ,,	1,881	450	3,081
Dec., ,,	3,276	500	3,213
January, 1899	3,117	404	4,423
February, ,,	3,476	444	3,267
March, ,,	3,423	418	2,940
TOTALS ...	15,371	5,748	38,888

Number of Overdue Books written for, 145.

Number of Books disinfected, 3.

Books bespoken by Borrowers, 22.

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department, January, 1898, to March, 1899.

CLASS. 1898	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	1899. Jan	Feb	Mar	Total.
General Works	8	14	13	10	20	18	25	28	18	20	19	40	38	32	44	347
Philosophy	1	4	1	2	4	4	5	4	6	4	0	12	10	10	12	79
Religion	2	16	22	10	11	12	16	36	23	23	37	105	90	106	96	605
Sociology	6	7	11	9	10	3	6	6	8	6	4	14	18	17	15	140
Philology	1	1	0	2	4	4	10	2	10	20	20	26	22	23	24	169
Natural Science	45	25	33	4	10	10	26	20	22	20	19	28	17	24	28	331
Useful Arts	16	56	0	3	6	8	6	10	19	10	14	14	16	28	20	226
Fine and Recreative Arts	44	—	56	22	11	10	20	40	16	12	9	15	20	17	14	306
Literature	31	21	26	14	10	15	14	34	34	13	20	37	39	57	51	416
Juvenile Literature	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	64	42	27	9	236
History, Travels, Biography	76	92	127	36	24	20	35	40	51	30	31	59	50	57	76	804
Fiction	12	43	67	19	12	46	50	490	504	460	183	86	42	46	29	2089
	242	279	356	131	122	150	213	710	711	618	450	500	404	444	418	**5748**

TABLE C.

Classification of Issues in the Lending Department, from 24th October, 1898, to March, 1899.

CLASS. 1898.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 1899.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works: Cyclopædias, Periodicals, &c.	1	6	16	18	14	10	65
Philosophy: Logic, Ethics, &c.	1	9	9	9	12	11	51
Religion: Theology, Church History, &c.	2	13	34	43	22	12	126
Sociology: Political Economy, Commerce, &c.	—	10	16	19	23	14	82
Philology: English, French, German, &c.	—	—	3	2	1	2	8
Natural Science: Astronomy, Botany, &c.	8	25	39	34	38	47	191
Useful Arts: Engineering, Building, &c.	1	12	24	28	40	34	139
Fine and Recreative Arts: Drawing, Music, &c.	2	11	20	21	22	24	100
Literature: Poetry and Drama, &c.	8	39	39	47	84	57	274
Juvenile Literature	38	264	425	406	382	320	1,835
History: Travel, Biography	13	161	233	305	271	272	1,255
Fiction	124	1,331	2,418	2,185	2,567	2,620	11,245
	198	1,881	3,276	3,117	3,476	3,423	**15,371**

SUMMARY.

Population, 23,880.
Public Libraries' Acts adopted September, 1892.
Rate levied—One Penny in the £.
Librarian appointed, 1st November, 1897.
Reading Room Opened, 17th January, 1898.
Lending Library Opened, 24th October, 1898.

A copy is here inserted of a circular addressed by the Council to the residents of the District during the summer of 1897, which resulted in the generous support of the gentlemen whose names are given below, and which together with this Report completes the history of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library from the adoption of the Public Libraries Act in 1892 to the present time.

WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
CENTRAL FREE READING ROOM AND REFERENCE LIBRARY.

To the Residents of Waterloo and Seaforth.

In response to a widespread and increasing demand upon the part of the general public of this district, the Council has resolved to put into practical operation, early in the coming winter, its powers under the Public Libraries Act, 1892.

A Central Reading Room with Reference Library will be opened in the rooms specially provided for the purpose in the Town Hall, Waterloo.

The Room and Library will be in charge of a competent Librarian, and will, it is hoped, prove an attractive and useful Institution in the District, providing the means of self-improvement and of study.

To enable the Council to inaugurate the movement anything like effectually an appeal is hereby respectfully made to all interested, to assist the Council in the equipment of the Library, either by donations towards the purchase of books and current literature, or by gifts of books.

The Council has already in this connection voted a sum of £100, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and as set forth below, several donations have been kindly promised. Other assistance, either in funds or books, will be gratefully received on behalf of the Council, by the Clerk, who will acknowledge the same in the Local Press. The Waterloo or Seaforth branches of Parr's Bank, Limited, have kindly consented to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Council. Parcels of Books will be collected, if so desired.

The selection by purchase of Papers, Periodicals and Books, will be the subject of careful consideration. Presentations of Biographies, Books of Travel, Historical Works and Classical Novels, will be especially valued.

It is proposed that the Reading Room and Library shall be open each week day from 2 to 10 p.m., except on Thursdays, when it shall be closed at 4 p.m.

By order,
G. D. KILLEY, *Chairman of the Council.*
THOMAS SIMPSON, *Chairman of the Free Library Committee.*
JOHN I. THOMPSON, *Clerk to the Council.*

Town Hall, Waterloo,
August 4th, 1897.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Late J. Barkeley Smith, Esq., J.P., C.C., Seaforth ...	£50	0	0
Dr. Thomas Simpson, Waterloo	50	0	0
Edwin Cannington, Esq., J.P., Waterloo	10	0	0
C. Fothergill, Esq., Waterloo	10	0	0
G. D. Killey, Esq., J.P., Waterloo	10	0	0
R. Atwood Beaver, Esq., Waterloo	10	0	0
Mrs. S. E. Hobbs, Waterloo	10	0	0
George Broadbridge, Esq., Seaforth	5	5	0
Rev. A. A. Bennett, Waterloo	5	5	0
Thomas Harrison, Esq., Waterloo	5	0	0
Harvey C. Woodward, Esq., Waterloo	5	0	0
H. J. Cook, Esq., J.P., Waterloo.....	5	0	0
Cedric R. Boult, Esq., Waterloo	5	0	0
Joseph Williams, Esq., Waterloo	5	0	0
George Oliver Jones, Esq., Waterloo	5	0	0
H. Young & Sons, Liverpool	3	3	0
Rev. T. K. Dickson, Waterloo	2	0	0
J. Cripps, Esq., J.P., Waterloo	2	0	0
A. R. Morgan, Esq., Waterloo	1	1	0
H. E. Corkhill, Esq., Waterloo	1	1	0
W. J. Pidgeon, Esq., Waterloo	1	1	0
Rev. C. de B. Winslow, Waterloo	1	1	0
H. Anonymous	1	0	0
Henry Snowden, Esq., Seaforth	1	0	0
Thomas Eginton, Esq., Waterloo	0	10	6
	£204	7	6

DONATIONS.

The following are some of the principal donations which have been received during the year :—

DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
Author, The	Cocoa, all about it.
Barrow, Esq., J.P., J.	Masterpieces of Industrial Art and Sculpture at the International Exhibition. 3 vols. 1862.
Bennett, Rev. A. A.	Shakespeare's Complete Works. 3 vols.
Bezant, Miss	Norway, its Fjords, Fjelds and Fosses.
Bezant, A.	Book-keeping by single entry.
,,	Johnson's dictionary of the English language. 2 vols.
,,	Fifty years progress.
,,	Juvenile delinquents.
,,	Lord of the Manor.
,,	Pamphlets on the Corn Laws, &c.
,,	Philosophy of Religion.
,,	Popular Lecturer.
,,	Practical Mechanic's Journal. 4 vols.
,,	Scientific Dialogues. 3 vols.
,,	Thirty Years of Foreign Policy.
,,	Western World. 3 vols.
Broadbridge, George	Visitor's Book.
Bingham, A. R., Esq., J.P.	History of Corn Milling, 1st vol. by Bennett and Elton.
Colton, Jos. B.	Life and Times of the Marquis of Salisbury.
Colton, Mrs. J. B.	Modern Painters. 6 vols. Ruskin.
,,	Stones of Venice. 3 vols.
Cook, Lady	Essays on Social Topics.
Davies, C. E.	Claudius Bombarnac. Verne.
,,	Deemster. Hall Caine.
,,	A Garrison Tangle. J. S. Winter.
,,	Granville de Vigne. Dumas.
,,	The Marquis.
,,	The Mystery of Cloomber.
,,	Othma.
,,	Plain Tales from the Hills. Kipling.
,,	Rebel Chief. Nisbet.
,,	Stand Fast.
,,	Tillyloss Scandal. Barrie.
,,	Tom Burke of "Ours." Lever.
,,	The Trapper.
,,	Under Two Flags. Ouida.
,,	What's mine's mine. Macdonald.
Doward, Mrs.	Household Words. 16 vols.
,,	Sunday Magazine. 6 vols.
Edwards, Ellis	Journey through South Africa. By Donor.

Fearnall, W. ..... History of Lancashire. 2 vols. Corry.
Fothergill, Miss. ..... Council and Comfort from a Pulpit.
,, ... Epistles of the Apostolical Fathers.
,, ... Footsteps of St. Peter.
,, ... Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures. Jerrold.
,, ... Tales from Shakespeare. Lamb.
,, ... World to Come. Watts.
Howarth, William S. ..... Crossing of Greenland. 2 vols. Nansen.
,, ... His next of Kin. Worboise.
,, ... Source of the Nile. Speke.
Hutton, A. W. ..... Vaccination Question. Donor.
Menaughtan, Miss M. ..... Elementary Practical Chemistry. Newth.
North British Assoc. of Gas Managers Light without a Wick.
Parratt, T. ..... Proceedings of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool. 7 vols.
Parratt, Mrs. T. ..... Handbook for Travellers in Italy.
,, ... Whitaker's Almanack. 13 vols. 1870/86.
Pearson, Edward ..... Pictorial History of England. 9 vols.
,, ... Franco-Prussian War. 2 vols.
Roberts, D. ..... Guide to Carpentry.
Simpson, Dr. Thomas ..... The Albert N'Yanza. 2 vols. Baker.
,, ... Concordance to the Old and New Testament. Cruden.
,, ... Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man.
,, ... Fashions of the Day in Medicine and Science.
,, ... Leaves from the Journal of Our Life in the Highlands.
,, ... Life of Charles Darwin. Bettany.
,, ... Great Thoughts. 9 vols.
Swedenborg Society, per Mr. Jas. Spiers ..... Swedenborg's Works. 50 vols.
Taylor, Sedley ..... Sight Singing from the Established Musical Notation. Donor.
Technical Instruction Committee ..... Record of Technical and Secondary Education. 4 vols.
Tipple, Mrs. ..... Works of Dr. Channing. 3 vols.
,, ... Acts and Monuments of John Fox. 8 vols.
Tweddle, Mrs. ..... Drafts on My Memory. 2 vols. Lennox.
,, ... English Illustrated Magazine, 1883/4.
,, ... London Society. vol. 41.
Univ. Corr. Coll. Press ..... The London University Guide, 1897/9.
Walker, C. C. ..... John Heminge and Henry Condell. Donor.
Warburton, Mr. ..... Life and Times of Lord Palmerston. 6 vols.
Whitworth, Mr. ..... Hon. G. Berkeley's Life and Recollections. 4 vols.
Williams, Mr. ..... Made in Germany. Donor.
Wilson, W. ..... Diary of Kitty Trevelyan.
,, ... Draytons and Davenants.
,, ... Wealth of Nations. Smith.
Goodwin, Mr. C. ..... Life of Gladstone. 3 vols.
Hughes, Mrs. E. ..... 40 vols. of Works on Law.

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries:—

Ashton-under-Lyne (Heginbottom), Bootle, Blackpool, Holyhead, Lincoln, Newcastle-under-Lyme, St. Helens, Widnes, Wigan, West Ham, Fulham.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier.
Liverpool Daily Post.
Liverpool Echo.
Liverpool Express.
Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily News.
London Standard.
London Times.
Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

Athenæum.
British Weekly.
Church Guardian.
*Civil Service Aspirant.
*Clark's Civil Service.
,, Examiner and Guide.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Graphic.
Hub.
Illustrated London News.
Judy.
*Local Goverment Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
Punch.
Queen.
Saturday Review.
Spectator.
Tablet.
Truth.
*University Correspondent.
Waterloo and Crosby Herald.
Waterloo Times.

MONTHLY.

Art Magazine.
Bookseller.
Boys' Own Paper.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Contemporary Review.
Fortnightly Review.
Girls' Own Paper.
Harper's Monthly.
Household Words.
Nineteenth Century.
*Pearson's Magazine.
Phonetic Journal.
Review of Reviews.
Strand Magazine.
Temple Magazine.
Woman at Home.
Work.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

*Caledonian Railway Guide.
*Cambrian Railway Guide.
*Gt. Northern Railway Guide.
*Gt. Western Railway Guide.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Guide.
*London and North Western Railway Guide.
*Midland Railway Guide.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide.

Those marked * are presented.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT,

For the Years 1897-9, ending the 31st day of March, 1899.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
General District Rate, 1897-8	200	0	0
Special Grant from the Council to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	100	0	0
General District Rate, 1898-9	376	0	0
Subscriptions	204	7	6
Readers' Tickets	8	15	5
Fines on Overdue Books	2	13	0
Old Papers, &c., sold		2	4
Deposit		10	0
Total	£892	8	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Interest and Repayment of Loan, 1897-8	75	12	5
Do do. 1898-9	75	12	5
New Books	440	7	10
Establishment Charges	74	12	2
Newspapers and Periodicals	29	5	7
Printing and Stationery	50	11	10
Salaries	117	13	4
	863	15	7
Balance in hand at end of year	28	12	8
Total	£892	8	3

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH

Public Library.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1900.

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1900.

Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION and LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1899-1900.

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The Chairman of the Council:

F. F. GERMAN, L.R.C.P. (EDIN.), J.P. *(ex-officio).*

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JOHN I. THOMPSON,
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL.

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To the Chairman and Members of
The Technical Instruction and Library Committee
of the Urban District Council
of Waterloo-with-Seaforth.

GENTLEMEN,

Annual Report. Herewith I beg to submit the Second Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1900. The last report recorded a complete history of the progress of the Library from the adoption of the Public Libraries Act in 1892 to the end of the first year's work in March, 1899. In comparing the two years there is a very satisfactory increase in the number of readers and circulation of books, which I hope will prove permanent.

Reading Room Attendance. The Reading Room has been in general use, and it is estimated by an hourly count that it is visited by an average number of 150 persons daily. Boys and girls reading at the tables have frequently had to be turned out to make room for older people, and the number of periodicals provided is not always sufficient to meet the wants of readers.

Books and Borrowers. During the year an addition of 773 volumes has been made to the shelves, 130 by donation and 637 by purchase, the stock now numbering 3,627 volumes. In the same degree also readers have increased, there being 1,741 borrowers enrolled on the register against 1,086 last year, of whom 1,648 are constant readers.

Issues. The Issues show a total of 48 699 for home reading, and 3,485 consulted in the Reading Room; the total turnover for the twelve months being 52,184, against 21,119 last year, an increase of 31,065. The combined average daily issue is 164. The greatest issue during one day in the Lending Department was on the 17th February, 1900, when 482 books were taken out.

Juvenile Borrowers. The number of Juvenile Readers is 231; and that the boys and girls appreciate the small section of books set apart for their use is evidenced by the turnover of 7,056 volumes recorded to them during the year.

Catalogue. It was soon found necessary to replace the manuscript catalogues by a properly printed one; and after purchasing a considerable number of new books the work was prepared for press, and placed in the hands of Messrs. Tinling & Co., Liverpool, on October 9th, 1899. Fifteen hundred copies were neatly printed and bound and finished early in November. They are sold at sixpence each and although 430 copies only have been distributed in this way there is a very apparent increase in the demand for more solid works of literature since its publication; historical books, technical works, and works of science circulating more frequently, proving that users have had less difficulty in finding out the resources of the Library.

Wear, Tear, and Repair. For so small a stock of books the turnover is considerable, and the wear and tear has been very heavy: many books have been mended by the staff, and 386 volumes sent to the binder to be bound or repaired. Two books have been withdrawn from circulation and need replacing, one is missing, and five lost or irreparably damaged by borrowers have been paid for.

Overdue Books. Written or personal applications have been made to 800 borrowers for overdue books 173 have been reserved for those paying postage, and six have been disinfected.

Donations. Donors of books and pamphlets have received recognition of their kindly gifts, and a list of them is appended.

Newspapers and Periodicals There are now supplied to the Library 10 daily, 26 weekly, and 25 monthly papers and magazines, making a total of 61 of which twelve are presented.

Receipts and Expenditure Appended to this Report will be found a statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1900.

Permit me in closing to commend the work of the assistants, and to thank you for the kindness shown to the department throughout the year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

EDITH G. TAYLOR,
LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in Lending and Reference Departments, from Week ending 1st April, 1899, to Year ending 31st March, 1900.

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued for Ref. and Reading Room.	Combined issue in Lending Department and Reading Room.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
April, 1899	3,543	385	3,928	2,973
May, ,,	4,051	523	4,574	3,618
June, ,,	2,855	349	3,204	2.263
July, ,,	3,635	200	3,835	2,987
August, ,,	2,927	226	3,153	2,628
September, ,,	3,722	283	4,005	3,808
October, ,,	5,111	333	5,444	5,254
November, ,,	4,222	256	4,478	4,507
December, ,,	3,949	204	4,153	4,065
January, 1900	5,051	239	5,290	5,060
February, ,,	4,331	237	4,568	4,153
March, ,,	5,302	250	5,552	5.294
TOTAL	48,699	3,485	52,184	46,610

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department, From Week ending 1st April, 1899, to Year ending 31st March, 1900.

CLASS. 1899	Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 1900.	Feb	Mar.	Total.
General Works	33	44	36	23	28	37	39	61	25	25	37	45	433
Philosophy	6	14	1	4	13	2	3	6	1	4	3	1	58
Religion	108	131	87	45	36	31	28	17	40	54	42	66	685
Sociology	10	23	15	2	4	12	8	5	5	4	6	4	98
Philology	27	25	19	22	13	18	28	20	19	19	25	34	269
Natural Science	27	39	19	8	7	21	26	17	17	8	14	14	217
Useful Arts	14	21	11	5	2	7	19	22	10	6	6	13	136
Fine Arts	11	19	13	14	8	7	9	21	3	12	7	7	131
Literature	50	71	39	13	21	17	23	10	15	9	15	8	291
Juvenile Literature	25	20	4	16	44	59	42	21	38	41	32	15	357
History, Travels, Biography	51	85	91	23	25	22	60	38	19	20	32	24	490
Fiction	23	81	14	25	25	50	48	18	12	37	18	19	320
	385	523	349	200	226	283	333	256	204	239	237	250	**3485**

TABLE C.

Classification of Issues for Home Reading from Week ending 1st April, 1899, to Year ending 31st March, 1900.

CLASS. 1899.	Apr.	May.	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	10	33	6	12	30	56	58	42	41	55	54	73	470
Philosophy	11	9	8	10	5	6	15	19	22	20	17	12	154
Religion	16	25	8	3	9	24	27	20	28	31	24	22	237
Sociology	11	18	9	17	13	14	18	17	21	14	21	21	194
Philology	2	1	3	2	0	5	10	1	5	8	7	6	50
Natural Science	38	33	32	17	19	33	44	47	41	46	47	41	438
Useful Arts	14	27	20	18	11	19	24	28	38	26	34	39	296
Fine and Recreative Arts .	23	26	17	18	19	29	22	33	19	21	16	28	266
Literature	101	131	54	50	68	88	123	106	138	80	129	137	1,205
Juvenile Literature	371	392	279	490	454	622	807	640	596	773	600	675	6,699
History, Travel, Biography	291	415	264	247	212	252	352	339	350	349	332	425	3,828
Fiction	2,655	2,941	2,155	2,751	2,087	2,574	3,611	2,930	2,650	3,628	3,050	3,830	34,862
	3,543	4,051	2,855	3,635	2,927	3,722	5,111	4,222	3,949	5,051	4,331	5,302	**48,699**
Corresponding Months and Issues for 1898 ...							**198**	**1,881**	**3,276**	**3,117**	**3,476**	**3,423**	15,371

TABLE D.

Total Classification of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, from Week ending 1st April, 1899, to Year ending 31st March, 1900.

CLASS. 1899.	Apl.	May	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1900. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	43	77	42	35	58	93	97	103	66	80	91	118	903
Philosophy	17	23	9	14	18	8	18	25	23	24	20	13	212
Religion	124	156	95	48	45	55	55	37	68	85	66	88	922
Sociology	21	41	24	19	17	26	26	22	26	18	27	25	292
Philology	29	26	22	24	13	23	38	21	24	27	32	40	319
Natural Science	65	72	51	25	26	54	70	64	58	54	61	55	655
Useful Arts	28	48	31	23	13	26	43	50	48	32	40	50	432
Fine and Recreative Arts	34	45	30	32	27	36	31	54	22	33	23	30	397
Literature	151	202	93	63	89	105	146	116	153	89	144	145	1,496
Juvenile Literature	396	412	283	506	498	681	849	661	634	814	632	690	7,056
History: Travel & Biography	342	500	355	270	237	274	412	377	369	369	364	449	4,318
Fiction	2,678	2,972	2,169	2,776	2,112	2,624	3,659	2,948	2,662	3,665	3,068	3,849	35,182
	3,928	4,574	3,204	3,835	3,153	4,005	5,444	4,478	4,153	5,290	4,568	5,552	**52,184**

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Volumes in stock	3,627
,, purchased	637
,, presented	130
,, bound	386
Total number of Issues	52,184
Average daily Issue	164
Number of borrowers enrolled	1,741
Tickets cancelled	93
Number of tickets in force	1,648
Tickets issued	655
Tickets replaced	102
Overdue books written for	800
Number of books bespoken	173
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	3
,, damaged	2
,, missing	1
Number of days open	312
Largest issue in one day	482

Annual Reports have been received from the following Public Libraries :—Acton, Ashton-under-Lyne (Heginbottom), Bishopsgate, Blackpool, Bootle, Holyhead, Lincoln, Manchester, Pratt Institute Brooklyn New York, Peterborough, Preston, Salford, St. Helens, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Tynemouth West Ham, Widnes, Wigan.

DONORS OF PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
4p	Agent General for Queensland	Information relating to Queensland and its resources.
	,,	The Garden of Queensland, &c.
	,,	Government handbook, Victoria.
1v	Leigh Browne Trust	Biological experimentation, by Sir B. Richardson.
1v	Technical Instruction Committee	Record of Technical and Secondary Education
2v	University Correspondence College Press	London University Guide.
2v	Urban District Council, Waterloo-with-Seaforth	Proceedings of the District Council.
1v	Manchester Public Libraries Committee	The Manchester Public Free Libraries: a history and description.
1v	Salford Libraries Committee	Royal Museum and Libraries, Salford: a Jubilee Souvenir, 1899.
35v	G. Broadbridge, Esq., Seaforth.	Bacon's Essays.
	,,	Character Sketches, by Brough.
	,,	Information for the people by Chambers.
	,,	Tales of Flemish life.
	,,	Histoire de Bayart, by D'Aubigne.
	,,	Memoirs of a maitre d'armes, by Dumas.
	,,	World of wit and humour, by Fenn.
	,,	Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.
	,,	Memoirs of a Peeress, by Mrs. Gore.
	,,	Woman of the world, by Mrs. Gore.
	,,	Popular tales, by Guizot.
	,,	Moral tales, by Guizot.
	,,	History of the English revolution.
	,,	The City, by Guthrie.
	,,	Town and country sketches.
	,,	Adventures of Captain Bonneville.
	,,	Tales of a traveller.
	,,	Astoria.
	,,	Madonna of the future.
	,,	Daisy Miller, by H. James.
	,,	Siècle of de Louis XIV.
	,,	British controversialist, 5v.
	,,	German grammar, by Otto.
	,,	Extraordinary women, by Russell.
	,,	Bede's charity, by H. Stretton.
	,,	The adopted brothers, by Clements.
	,,	Barchester Towers, by Trollope.
1p	Brysson Cunningham, Waterloo	Engineering formulæ.
1v	Dr. Barclay Clark	Statistical Atlas of England, Scotland and Ireland.
3v	A. T. Davies, Esq.	Handbook on the Licensing Acts.
	,,	Statesmen; past and present.
	,,	Jubilee Memorial of Canning Street Presbyterian Church, Liverpool.
1v	Dr. H. W. Dearden	Modern Romanism examined.
6v	C. B. Holinsworth, Esq.	Zion's works.
1p	Miss M. Macnaughton	Lessons in practical cookery.
6v	J. O'Neill, Esq., Seaforth	History of the earth, and animated nature, by Oliver Goldsmith.
5v	J. Percival, Esq., Waterloo	Eunice Anscombe, by Gordon.
	,,	Infelice, by A. Wilson.
	,,	All men are liars, by J. Hocking.
	,,	Memoirs of a revolutionist, by Prince Kropotkin.

1v R. G. West, Esq., Waterloo. ...Elements of Chemistry, by W. Miller.
2p J. H. Yoxall, Esq. .....The children's labour question.
,, ...Education in the country districts.

50v Macmillan & Co. .....

AUTHOR.

Simmons, A. T., & Jones, L. M.Elementary general science.
Hall, H. S., and Stevens, F. H...Elementary course of mathematics.
Castle, Frank .....Elementary practical mathematics.
Lock, Rev. J. B. .....Arithmetic for schools.
Macdonald, R. F. .....School arithmetic.
Hall, H. S., and Knight, S. R....Algebra for beginners.
,, ...Elementary algebra for schools, with answers
Todhunter, I., & Loney, S. L....Algebra for beginners.
Jones, C. A., and Cheyne, C. H.Algebraical exercises.
Text Book of Euclid's elements, Books I.-III.
Hall, H. S., and Stevens, F. H...Euclid's elements for use of schools—for beginners.
,, ,, ...Text book of Euclid's elements, Books I.-III.
Todhunter, I., & Loney, S. L....Elements of Euclid for schools and colleges, Books I.-IV.
Hall, H. S., and Stevens, F. H...Euclid's elements, Books I.-VI., and XI.
Harrison, J.; Baxendale, G. A.Practical plane and solid geometry.
,, ,, Practical plane and solid geometry for advanced students.
Rintoul, M.A., D. .....Introduction to practical physics.
Gregory, R. A., & Simmons, A. T.Exercises in practical physics. Part I.
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, Part II.
,, ,, Elementary physics and chemistry, 1st stage.
Gallatly, M.A., W. .....Mechanics for beginners.
Sanderson, F. W. .....Hydrostatics for beginners.
Jones, B.Sc., D. E. .....Elementary lessons in heat, light and sound.
Edser, Edwin .....Heat, for advanced students.
Sanderson, F. W. .....Electricity and magnetism, for beginners
Hadley, H. E. .....Magnetism and electricity, for beginners.
Perkin, W. H.; Lean Bevan.....Introduction to the study of chemistry.
Mixter, Wm. G. .....Elementary text book of chemistry.
Jones, Francis .....Junior course of practical chemistry.
Roscoe, Sir Henry .....Inorganic chemistry, for beginners.
Turpin, G. S. .....Practical inorganic chemistry.
Roscoe, Sir H.; Harden, A.....Inorganic chemistry, for advanced students.
Jones, Chapman .....Practical inorganic chemistry, for advanced students.
Turpin, G. S. .....Lessons in inorganic chemistry.
Parrish, S. .....Chemistry, for organised schools of science.
Behrens, Prof. H. .....Manual of microchemical analysis.
Simmons, A. T. .....Physiography, for beginners.
Gregory, R. A.; Simmons, A. T.Experimental science—physiography, section I.
Simmons, A. T. .....Physiography, for advanced students.
Watts, W. W. .....Geology, for beginners.
Foster, M., and Shore, L. E. ...Physiology, for beginners.
Reynolds, E. S. .....Hygiene, for beginners.
Riley, J. W. .....Building construction, for beginners.
Thornton, J. .....Primer of book-keeping.
,, ...First lessons in book-keeping.
Fasnacht, G. E. .....Macmillan's Progressive German course, I.
,, ... ,, ,, ,, ,, II.
,, ... ,, ,, French course, I.
,, ... ,, ,, ,, ,, II. & III.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier.
Liverpool Daily Post.
Liverpool Echo.
Liverpool Express.
Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily News.
London Standard.
London Times.
Manchester Guardian

WEEKLY.

Aspirant.
Athenæum.
British Weekly.
Church Guardian.
*Civil Service Weekly.
*Clark's Civil Service.
,, Examiner and Guide.
*Clarion.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Graphic.
Illustrated London News.
Judy.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
Punch.
Queen.
Saturday Review.
Speaker.
Spectator.
Tablet.
Truth.
*University Correspondent.
Waterloo and Crosby Herald.
Waterloo Times.

MONTHLY.

*Animals.
Art Magazine.
Bookseller.
Boys' Own Paper.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Contemporary Review.
*Educational Review.
Fortnightly Review.
Girls' Own Paper.
Harper's Monthly.
Household Words.
*Investors' Chronicle.
*Literary Guide.
Nature.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
*Pearson's Magazine.
Phonetic Journal.
Review of Reviews.
Strand Magazine.
Temple Magazine.
*White Ribbon.
Woman at Home.
Work.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

*Caledonian Railway Guide.
*Cambrian Railway Guide.
*Gt. Northern Railway Guide.
*Gt. Western Railway Guide.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Guide.
*London and North Western Railway Guide.
*Midland Railway Guide.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide.

Those marked * are presented.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1900.

INCOME.

				£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1898-1899				28	12	8
From General District Rate, 1899-1900				409	0	0
,, Fines	£15	12	6			
,, Readers' Tickets	6	6	2			
,, Sale of Catalogues	10	15	0			
,, Papers sold	1	7	9			
,, Damage to Books	0	11	5			
,, Bespoken Books	0	11	9			
,, Deposit	0	10	0			
				35	14	7
				£473	7	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	74	9	9
,, Salaries	109	5	0
,, Establishment Charges, Postages, &c.	8	6	10
,, Printing and Stationery	19	13	8
,, Printing Catalogue	54	14	6
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	38	18	7
,, New Books	111	10	7
,, Bookbinding	18	7	3
,, Furniture and Fittings	17	15	0
,, Deposits repaid	1	0	0
,, Subscription to Library Association	1	1	0
	455	2	2
Balance in hand at end of year	18	5	1
Total	£473	7	3

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To the Chairman and Members of
The Technical Instruction and Library Committee
of the Urban District Council
of Waterloo-with-Seaforth.

GENTLEMEN,

Third Annual Report. I have pleasure in submitting the following Report for the official year ending 31st March, 1901.

Reading Room. The Reading Room has been freely used by boys, girls, and older people, and on winter evenings is quite full. The number of visitors recorded by an hourly count is 42,803. Another table has been added, and coloured glass window blinds now shut out the ugliness of the Corporation yard, and add to the comfortable appearance of the room. The large attendance in the room made it necessary to increase the number of periodicals taken. There are now 70 provided —an increase of 12 upon last year—including the leading daily and weekly newspapers of London, Liverpool, and our own District, with the illustrated, scientific, and other periodicals, magazines, and reviews, and the principal railway time tables and guides. Copies of the London "Times," as well as provincial and local papers, are filed for reference.

A list of these periodicals will be found following the usual statistics.

Circulating Department. That the books for home reading continue to be appreciated is shown by the fact that 50,933 books were taken out during the year, against 48,699 in 1900, the total turnover for books used in the Reading Room and Lending Department being 52,988. The Library was open 305 days, giving an average daily circulation of 173. The issue of books on natural science, and on useful and fine arts, which include works on photography, electricity, engineering, drawing, mathematics, etc., is an advance on last year, and a desire has been expressed for more technical and expensive works on these subjects.

Topical lists on South Africa and the war, affairs in China, Queen Victoria, and such like, have been posted in the Reading Room, and inserted in the local papers from time to time. The same has also been done in regard to books suitable for students attending the Technical Classes; and that they have proved of service has been evident from the calls made for the books named on the lists. The recently added French books and musical scores are also circulating quickly.

It may be of interest to note a few of the popular books in this department, and several of these are listed on page 14, showing the number of times each volume has been issued during the year. Given one week for a work of fiction, and two for more solid literature, it will at once be seen that the volumes thus used are turned over quite frequently in twelve months.

Reference Department.

The work in this department has steadily progressed, though tabulated figures show an apparent falling off. This seeming discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that a larger amount of assistance is now required from the staff by persons who come for information, and of which no record is kept. Directories, dictionaries, gazetteers, guide books, encyclopædias, etc., have been extensively used. As the resources of the Library have become better known, more use has been made of it in this way. Especially is this noticeable amongst the boys and girls, who quickly find out how useful these works are for their compositions and school work, and are no longer backward in asking for information required for getting up an essay on "Our Navy," "Lord Roberts," "How soap is made," subjects in natural history, and so on.

Borrowers

The registration of borrowers remains fairly steady. The register shows a signed membership of 2,790; but, as numbers of these have fallen off, and others have left the District, or not renewed their tickets, the actual active membership is reckoned as 1,690. Of these, 547 are resident in Seaforth, and 1,143 in Waterloo, taking Cambridge Road as the boundary line.

The number of tickets issued was 1,047. The juvenile portion is represented by 166 boys and 143 girls, from the ages of ten to fifteen. A turnover of 7,347 volumes is recorded to them for the year.

Books

Reference should be made to the large collection of books recently acquired, amongst which are many works, scarce, or now out of print. These, with several rare volumes among the magazines, are important additions to the Library. The unbound magazines will bring up to date the bound sets; and with Poole's Index to Periodicals, and Stead's Periodical Index to open up their contents, both the Lending and Reference Departments will be considerably augmented. I am quoting an experienced librarian in stating that "it is not often a library gets such an opportunity of acquiring at one stroke so valuable a collection of magazine literature."

The total stock of books now in the Library, with gifts and purchases, numbers 7,100 volumes. The increase shown in this direction since the Library opened is shown by the following figures.

No. of Volumes in Stock when Library opened in January, 1898.	One Year after.	Two Years after.	Three Years after.
2,800	**3,400**	**4,000**	**7,100**

Donations

Principal additions are given on page 15. The work of cataloguing these books is now proceeding.

Among the presentations to the Library may be specially mentioned W. G. Herdman's "Ancient Pictorial Liverpool," 2 v., 1843-1856, an exceedingly interesting and valuable work given by Joseph Williams, Esq., of 80, Oxford Road, Waterloo, the original drawings of which are in his own possession; 57 numbers of Parliamentary Debates, from W. C. Rawlins, Esq., several pamphlets and books of local interest, from W. E. Gregson, Esq., Great Crosby; and 224 volumes of Record Publications, from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

All gifts are gratefully acknowledged, and a full list is appended.

Overdue. Books

Eight hundred and twenty-one applications have been made to borrowers for overdue books, 202 reserved for those paying postage, and 29 have been disinfected.

Condition of Stock.

All but two books were accounted for at the annual stock-taking. Of those, one was lost and paid for by the borrower; the other, of small value, is missing. The binders have rebound 382 volumes, and 380 were repaired by the staff. The general condition of the stock as a whole is good.

Financial Statement.

Appended to this Report will be found a statement showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1901.

Staff

In conclusion, I have pleasure in recording the intelligent and conscientious work of the assistants, and to chronicle that at the Summer School, held by the North-Western Branch of the Library Association in the Liverpool Free Library last June, both assistants became students; one of them, Miss Kate Fearnside, carrying off the second prize for a satisfactory report of the proceedings.

Finally, my best thanks are due to all those who are ever ready with kind and encouraging words in aiding and pushing on the work of the Library and its Librarian.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

EDITH G. TAYLOR.
LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in Lending and Reference Departments, from Week ending 7th April, 1900, to Year ending 31st March, 1901, inclusive.

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued in Ref. and Reading Room.	Combined issue in Lending Department and Reading Room.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
April, 1900	3,810	224	4,034	3,272
May, ,,	3,531	133	3,664	2,797
June, ,,	3,406	155	3,561	2,689
July, ,,	4,342	133	4,475	3,165
August, ,,	3,640	175	3,815	3,304
September, ,,	3,870	207	4,077	3,120
October, ,,	5,037	199	5,236	3,965
November, ,,	4,237	121	4,358	3,685
December, ,,	4,835	130	4,965	4,163
January, 1901	4,077	205	4,282	3,556
February, ,,	4,328	163	4,491	4,232
March, ,,	5,820	210	6,030	4,855
TOTALS	50,933	2,055	52,988	42,803

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued for Home Reading, from Week ending 7th April, 1900, to Year ending 31st March, 1901.

CLASS. 1900	Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total.
										1901.			
General Works	51	45	62	58	59	65	82	89	100	81	97	107	896
Philosophy	10	5	11	11	12	11	12	17	22	17	15	17	160
Religion	16	10	12	12	13	13	29	22	24	9	12	15	187
Sociology	13	12	15	12	12	9	22	22	20	19	22	28	206
Philology	2	4	1	1	6	9	13	7	6	5	8	10	72
Natural Science	33	41	37	43	40	43	40	45	51	49	60	54	536
Useful Arts	27	28	20	26	22	27	31	38	37	34	33	41	364
Fine Arts	19	25	21	29	20	16	27	14	21	16	77	103	388
Literature	94	75	52	75	170	82	124	104	115	87	159	167	1304
Juvenile Literature	517	439	413	546	462	542	621	493	657	687	703	885	6965
History, Biography, Travel	303	238	206	257	191	238	363	337	347	256	261	354	3351
Fiction	2725	2609	2556	3272	2633	2815	3673	3049	3435	2817	2881	4039	36504
TOTALS	3810	3531	3406	4342	3640	3870	5037	4237	4835	4077	4328	5820	**50933**
Corresponding Months and Issues for 1899.	**3543**	**4051**	**2855**	**3635**	**2927**	**3722**	**5111**	**4222**	**3949**	**5051**	**4331**	**5302**	48699

TABLE C.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department, from Week ending 7th April, 1900 to Year ending 31st March, 1901.

CLASS. 1900.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 1901.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	31	20	28	18	23	30	37	22	21	26	28	37	321
Philosophy	3	2	3	1	3	2	5	2	1	3	1	0	26
Religion	55	46	39	12	10	36	21	0	3	10	0	9	241
Sociology	1	4	3	3	4	0	5	14	14	1	7	14	70
Philology	25	10	20	23	11	23	14	8	4	13	5	19	175
Natural Science	15	7	9	12	9	17	10	4	8	6	4	9	110
Useful Arts	7	7	3	4	4	3	11	7	13	16	7	9	91
Fine Arts	20	3	10	7	15	5	8	2	6	14	2	6	98
Literature	13	7	9	22	17	21	16	6	8	15	13	23	170
Juvenile Literature	13	7	10	14	38	41	39	39	34	64	51	32	382
History, Travel, Biography	26	13	17	7	15	17	19	7	12	19	36	28	216
Fiction	15	7	4	10	26	12	14	10	6	18	9	24	155
TOTALS	224	133	155	133	175	207	199	121	130	205	163	210	**2,055**
Corresponding Issues for 1899	**385**	**523**	**349**	**200**	**226**	**283**	**333**	**256**	**204**	**239**	**237**	**250**	3,485

TABLE D.

Total Classification of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, from Week ending 7th April, 1900 to Year ending 31st March, 1901.

CLASS. 1900.	Apl.	May	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1901. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	82	65	90	76	82	95	119	111	121	107	125	144	1,217
Philosophy	13	7	14	12	15	13	17	19	23	20	16	17	186
Religion	71	56	51	24	23	49	50	22	27	19	12	24	428
Sociology	14	16	18	15	16	9	27	36	34	20	29	42	276
Philology	27	14	21	24	17	32	27	15	10	18	13	29	247
Natural Science	48	48	46	55	49	60	50	49	59	55	64	63	646
Useful Arts	34	35	23	30	26	30	42	45	50	50	40	50	455
Fine Arts	39	28	31	36	35	21	35	16	27	30	79	109	486
Literature	107	82	61	97	187	103	140	110	123	102	172	190	1,474
Juvenile Literature	530	446	423	560	500	583	660	532	691	751	754	917	7,347
History, Travel, Biography	329	251	223	264	206	255	382	344	359	275	297	382	3,567
Fiction	2,740	2,616	2,560	3,282	2,659	2,827	3,687	3,059	3,441	2,835	2,890	4,063	36,659
TOTALS	4,034	3,664	3,561	4,475	3,815	4,077	5,236	4,358	4,965	4,282	4,491	6,030	**52,988**
Corresponding Issues for 1899	**3,928**	**4,574**	**3,204**	**3,835**	**3,153**	**4,005**	**5,444**	**4,478**	**4,153**	**5,290**	**4,568**	**5,552**	52,184

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Volumes in stock	7,100
,, purchased	6,764
,, presented	336
,, bound	382
,, repaired by staff	380
Total number of Issues	52,988
Average daily Issue	173
Number of borrowers on register	2,790
,, ,, enrolled during year	1,047
,, ,, awaiting registration	34
Number of Tickets expired	1,100
,, ,, replaced	103
,, ,, in force	1,690
Borrowers resident in Waterloo	1,143
,, ,, Seaforth	547
Juvenile borrowers	309
Overdue books written for	821
Number of books bespoken	202
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	1
,, missing	1
Number of days open	305
Largest issue in one day	427

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries :—Acton, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne (Heginbottom), Aston Manor, Bebington (Mayer Free Library), Blackburn, Bootle, Cardiff, Chorley, Derby, Devonport, Dublin, Fulham (London), Glasgow (Mitchell Library), Gloucester, Holyhead, Lincoln, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York; Preston, Runcorn, Stafford, St. Helens, Tynemouth, West Ham (London), Worcester.

BULLETINS from Bootle, Cardiff, Chorley, Manchester, Peterborough, Widnes.

CATALOGUES from Devonport, Douglas (I.O.M.), Newcastle-on-Tyne, Peterborough, Stafford.

Some favourite books, and the number of times each has been issued during the year.

NON-FICTION.

AUTHOR.	TITLE.	No. of times issued.
Purcell, E. S.	Life of Cardinal Manning, 2 v.	20
Bryce, J.	Impressions of South Africa	27
Darwin, C.	Descent of Man	18
,,	Origin of species	15
Drummond, H.	Natural law in the spiritual world	14
Carlyle, T.	French revolution, 2 v.	12
Hobson, J. A.	War in South Africa	16
Fitzpatrick, J. P.	Transvaal from within	25
Kingsley, Mary	Travels in West Africa	25
Theal, G. M.	South Africa (Story of the Nation series)	22
Steevens, G. W.	From Cape Town to Ladysmith	48
,,	With Kitchener to Khartoum	34
Caminada, J.	Twenty-five years of detective life	28
O'Meara, B. E.	Napoleon at St. Helena, 2 v.	12
Blundell, W.	Crosby records	38
Burnaby, F.	Ride to Khiva	15
Geikie, J.	Great ice age	12
Wood, J. E.	Natural history of birds	12
,,	Reptiles	13
,,	Mammals	15
Roberts, Lord	Forty-one years in India, 2 v.	23
Landor, A. H. S.	In the forbidden land; travels in Tibet	30
Tennyson, H.	Life of Tennyson, by his son, 2 v.	12
Waugh, A.	,, ,,	15
Ruskin, J.	Sesame and lilies	25
Stevenson, R. L.	Virginibus puerisque	24
Lecky, W. E. H.	Map of life; conduct and character	26
Nares, Sir G. S.	Seamanship	28
Routledge, R.	Discoveries and inventions of 19th century	18
Haldane, J. W. C.	Steamships and their machinery	18
Urbanitzky	Electricity in the service of man	18
Cassell's	Indoor games and recreations	35
Anon.	Martyrdom of an Empress	34

FICTION.

AUTHOR.	TITLE.	No. of times issued.
Dickens, Charles	David Copperfield (English)	25
,,	,, (French)	10
,,	Old Curiosity Shop	26
,,	Dombey and Son	27
Eliot, George	Romola	30
Hugo, Victor	Hunchback of Notre Dame	35
Kingsley, C.	Hereward the Wake	25
Lytton, B.	Last days of Pompeii	30
,,	Harold	24
,,	Ernest Maltravers	23
Scott, Sir W.	Ivanhoe	30
,,	Fair Maid of Perth	24
,,	Kenilworth	25
Thackeray, W. M.	Book of Snobs	20
Bronte, C.	Jane Eyre	24
Barrett, Wilson	Sign of the Cross	56

FICTION—*continued.*

AUTHOR.	TITLE.	No. of times Issued.
Doyle, A. C.	White company	53
Dunton, T. Watts	Aylwin	56
Harraden, B.	Ships that pass in the night	52
Hope, Anthony	Prisoner of Zenda) several copies (	48
,,	Rupert of Hentzau) of these (	50
Kipling, R.	Light that failed	52
,,	Stalky and Co.	54
Melville, Whyte	Katerfelto	50
Jerome, J. K.	Three men in a boat	53
Collingwood, H.	Log of the "Flying Fish"	50
Henty, G. A.	Beric the Briton	50
Stretton, H.	Fishers of Derby Haven	40
Kingsley, C.	Water babies	30

NOTE.—This must not be taken as a complete list, nor as showing the favourite works of each author named.

The following are amongst the additions to the Library:—

Aberdeen, Countess of (ed.) ..... International Council of Women; report of transactions, 7 v., 1900.
Allibone ..... Dictionary of English literature, 5 v.
Barth, Dr. ..... Central Africa, 5 v.
Bradshaw, H. ..... Collected papers.
Bryan ..... Dictionary of painters and engravers.
Burton, Isabel ..... Life of Sir Richard Burton, 2 v.
Beaumont and Fletcher ..... Dramatic works, 2 v.
Cassell's ..... Rivers of Great Britain.
Campbell ..... Lives of the Lord Chancellors of England, 7 v.
Crowe and Cavalcaselle ..... Life and works of Raphael, 2 v.
Dixon, Hepworth ..... Royal Windsor, 4 v.
,, ... William Penn, an historical biography.
Duruy, G. ..... Memoirs of Barras, 4 v.
Frith, W. P. ..... John Leech, his life and work, 2 v.
Grove ..... Dictionary of music and musicians, 4 v.
Guizot ..... Cromwell and the English Commonwealth, 2 v.
Herdman ..... Ancient pictorial Liverpool, 2 v.
Jeffreys, F. ..... Contributions to the Edinburgh Review, 4 v., 1844.
Lee, S., and Stephen, L. (ed.) ..... Dictionary of national biography, 63 v.
Lang, Andrew ..... Life and letters of John Gibson Lockhart, 2 v.
Lodge, E. ..... Portraits of illustrious personages of Great Britain, 8 v., 1841.
Maxwell ..... Life of Wellington.
McCarthy, J. ..... French Revolution, 4 v.
,, ... History of the Four Georges, 2 v.
Murray's ..... New English dictionary on historical principles, 3 v., and pts.
Ogilvie ..... Imperial dictionary, 4 v., 1900.
Oxford ..... English prize essays, 4 v., 1836.
Perrot and Chipiez ..... Art in Ancient Egypt, Chaldea, Assyria, Phrygia, Lydia, Caria, Lycia, Persia, Phoenicia, Cyprus, Sardinia, Judea, Syria, Asia Minor, and primitive Greece. Trans. and edited by W. Armstrong, 12 v., illus., 1883-1894.
Pfleiderer, Otto ..... Philosophy and development of religion, 2 v.
Perowne, J. J. S. (ed.) ..... Cambridge Bible series, 40 v.
Prothero, Prof. ..... Memoir of Henry Bradshaw.
Rawlinson ..... Ancient monarchies, 4 v.
Strickland, A. ..... Queens of Scotland, 7 v.
Watt's ..... Bibliotheca Britannica, 2 v.
Walpole, Spencer ..... Life of Lord John Russell, 2 v.

DONORS OF PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
1p	Agent General for Western Australia	Western Australia and her Exhibits at the Paris Exhibition, 1900.
1v	Messrs. Digby, Long & Co.	Thirty-nine cantos from the Divine Commedia of Dante.
1v	R. Bennett, Esq.	History of corn-milling, vol. 3.
1v	Caledonian Railway Co.	Through Scotland by the Caledonian Railway
1p	H. Guppy Esq.	French fiction and French juvenile literature.
1p	W. E. Gregson, Esq.	Gypsum boulder of Great Crosby, 1898.
1p	,,	Ancient Charters preserved at Scarisbrick Hall.
1p	,,	Lancaster Castle, by E. W. Cox.
1p	,,	St. Helen's Church, Sephton, by Rev. G. W. Hall.
1p	,,	Recusant Roll for West Derby Hundred, 1641
1p	,,	Bibliotheca Lancastriensis, by C. W. Sutton.
2v	,,	History, directory, and gazetter of Lancashire, 1824.
12v	Henry Grimshaw, Esq.	One in charity, by S. Hocking.
	,,	An angel in disguise.
	,,	War in the Crimea, by Hamley.
	,,	Tales from Shakespeare, by C. Lamb.
	,,	Benjamin Franklin, by Abbott.
	,,	Life of John Bright, by White.
	,,	W. E. Gladstone, by Ritchie.
	,,	Fifty-two stories for girls, by Miles.
	,,	Monastery, by Sir W. Scott.
	,,	St. Bartholomew's Eve, by G. A. Henty.
	,,	Three midshipmen, by Kingston.
	Mrs. Gerard, Seaforth	London Standard (several years).
1v	W. Hampton, Esq.	Scholastic directory for London and Provinces.
3v	C. B. Holinsworth, Esq.	Zion's works: new light on the Bible.
1p	Imperial South African Assoc.	British case against the Boer Republics.
7v	Messrs. Macmillan & Co.	Manual of elementary science.
	,,	Practical organic chemistry.
	,,	Physics and chemistry.
	,,	Elementary mechanics of solids.
	,,	Workshop mathematics, 2 v.
1v	Official Board of Advertising	Guide to the Isle of Man, 1900.
2v	O. B. Margetts, Esq.	Navigation and nautical astronomy, 2 v.
8v	J. Percival, Esq.	Abigail Templeton, by E. Marshall.
	,,	Hidden perils, M. C. Hay.
	,,	Miss Pris.
	,,	Book for grown-up children.
	,,	Little Pearl.
	,,	Lady Temple's grandchildren.
	,,	Lamplighter.
	,,	Master of Greylands, Wood.
1p	W. F. Price, Esq., Crosby	Sketch of bored trunk of elm tree, containing water pipe, dug up at Waterloo whilst excavating for enlargement of Town Hall.

DONORS OF PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS—*continued*

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
10v	Henry Snowden, Esq.	Reedyford, by Silas Hocking.
	,,	Ivy.
	,,	Tregeagle's Head.
	,,	Sea waif.
	,,	His father.
	,,	Her Benny.
	,,	Doctor Dick.
	,,	God's outcast.
	,,	Caleb Carthew.
	,,	In spite of fate.
1p	C. W. Sutton, Esq.	Special collections of books in Lancashire and Cheshire.
1v	W. C. Rawlins, Esq.	War in South Africa, by J. A. Hobson.
57 Nos.	,,	Parliamentary Debates.
4v	,,	Gladstone and his contemporaries, 4 v., by Archer.
2v	,,	Pearson's Magazine, 1898-1899.
3v	,,	Strand Magazine, 1896, 1897, 1898.
2	Joseph Williams, Esq.	Ancient pictorial Liverpool, by W. G. Herdman, 2 v., 1843.
224	H.M. Stationery Office, Westminster	Record Publications.
8v	Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association	Tales about Sunday, &c.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier.
Liverpool Daily Post.
Liverpool Echo.
Liverpool Express.
Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily News.
London Standard.
London Times.
Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

Aspirant.
Athenæum.
British Weekly.
Church Guardian.
*Civil Service Weekly.
*Clark's Civil Service.
,, Examiner and Guide.
*Clarion.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Graphic.
Illustrated London News.
Judy.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
London Stock Market Report.
Navy and Army Illustrated.
Punch.
Queen.
Saturday Review.
Speaker.
Spectator.
Sphere.
Tablet.
Truth.
*University Correspondent.
Waterloo and Crosby Herald.
Waterloo Times.

MONTHLY.

*Animals.
Art Magazine.
Bookseller.
Boys' Own Paper.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Contemporary Review.
Cosmopolitan.
*Educational Review.
Fortnightly Review.
Girls' Own Paper.
Girls' Realm.
Harper's Monthly.
Household Words.
Humanitarian.
*Investors' Chronicle.
Ladies' Home Journal.
*Ladies' League Gazette.
*Literary Guide.
Nature.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
Patents.
Phonetic Journal.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
Temple Magazine.
*White Ribbon.
Woman at Home.
Work.
Young Man.
Young Woman.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
*Caledonian Railway Guide.
*Cambrian Railway Guide.
*Gt. Northern Railway Guide.
*Gt. Western Railway Guide.
*L. & Y. Railway Guide.
*London and North-Western Railway Guide.
*Midland Railway Guide.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide.

Those marked * are presented.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1901.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1899-1900		18	5	1
From General District Rate, 1900-1901		426	0	0
,, Fines	£17 14 11			
,, Readers' Tickets	9 6 4			
,, Sale of Catalogues	4 6 9			
,, Papers sold	1 3 6			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0 1 8			
,, Bespoken Books	0 14 3			
		33	7	5
Total		£477	12	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	75	12	4
,, Salaries	125	0	0
,, Establishment Charges, Postages, &c.	19	14	5
,, Printing and Stationery	17	11	8
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	43	5	7
,, New Books	98	12	0
,, Bookbinding	45	18	5
,, Furniture and Fittings	24	8	5
,, Firing and Lighting	13	11	4
	£463	14	2
,, Balance in hand at end of year	13	18	4
Total	£477	12	6

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1902.

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To the Chairman and Members of
The Technical Instruction and Library Committee
of the Urban District Council
of Waterloo-with-Seaforth.

GENTLEMEN,

Fourth Annual Report.

In presenting this, the Fourth Annual Report, there are no new features to bring under your notice. The year has been one of steady progress. There have been many evidences of the appreciation by the public of the value and importance of the collection of books in their midst, and consequently there are signs of growth throughout.

Record of Books for Home Reading.

The number of books circulated for home reading during the year amounts to 59,057, an average of 193 per day. This is an increase of 8,124 on last year.

The circulation of books in the Juvenile Section also continues unabated, 7,079 volumes being recorded to them for the same period. The classes which show an appreciable increase are the sections devoted to the sciences and the arts. There has also been a greater demand for works of an educational character. Books bearing on natural history, English essays, and popular poets have been "out" constantly. In the Fine Arts Section music has been in frequent request, popular operas and works for the pianoforte forming the chief demand. It would be well to devote more attention to this class in the future. Were this, the Fine Arts Section, better supplied with works on drawing, painting, music and photography (of which it largely consists), the demand for fiction, I feel sure, would be materially affected.

Influences which affect the class of books read.

So many things affect the class of books borrowed from the Library, that it may not be out of place, or without interest, to indicate a few of the influences which direct the reading of the public, and so show the silent, but none the less real, educational power that the library holds in the District.

The University Extension Lectures given in the Town Hall, the various lectures and subjects dealt with by the literary and debating societies throughout the District, the topics of the day, lessons and essays given in the schools, and the work taken up in the Technical Schools: all have more or less a share in directing the borrower to the books he or she wishes to read. The lectures induce a marked interest in the books pertaining to the subject taken, and a demand is at once made for the works most helpful to those seeking information on the subject lectured upon.

Lectures.

The books recommended for special study in the series of lectures on history and literature in connection with the University Extension Lectures, supplemented by others, were procured by the Committee, and placed for reference on shelves accessible to students themselves. This privilege was freely used and much valued.

Current topics.

Matters of current interest have been kept in view, and efforts made to keep readers in touch by lists of selected articles and books on these topics. Thus book-lists on the "War," "The Empire," and "Alfred the Great" have each been utilised in this way.

Reference Department.

The Reference Department of the Library, though small as yet, and containing only some seven hundred volumes (if we leave out of account the magazines—Fraser, Blackwood, and so on) is a most useful source of information and increasingly used. Readers may obtain books in this department for themselves, but no complete record is taken of the numbers used. There are many, however, who wish to refer to books which are in the Lending Department, and of those issued to readers in the Reading Room on the presentation of an application form, the returns show an issue of 2,340.

Reading Room.

That the Reading Room has succeeded in satisfying the popular desire is shown by the well-filled room all through the winter evenings, when every seat is occupied, and nearly every paper and magazine is in use. An important change has been made in the re-arrangement of the electric lights in the Reading Room, though this might be rendered still more efficient and equable by additional lights.

Information for Emigrants. A notice board from the Emigrants' Information Office has been placed in the entrance to the Reading Room. Useful pamphlets and trustworthy literature on emigration and the Colonies are now freely supplied by this authorised agency, and intending emigrants will do well to avail themselves of these sources of information ere venturing abroad.

Condition of Books. For the four years' wear and tear the Library has now had, the condition of the books as a whole may be considered fairly good. A number of books of a popular character will be required to be replaced, as many of them have become imperfect or worn out; and expenditure on these will necessarily prevent the purchase of as many new books as might be desired.

Books lost. Two works of fiction have been lost during the year, through borrowers leaving the District and leaving no trace of their whereabouts.

Stock. The stock now numbers seven thousand eight hundred and seventy-one volumes. During the year it has been increased by seven hundred and seventy-one volumes, purchased or presented. Every inch of shelving available has been taken up and there is no space whatever for some fifteen hundred volumes, should they be called in. Since the date of opening, the stock has grown by five thousand three hundred volumes.

New Books. The efforts of the Committee to supply books on all subjects are much appreciated. There is still, however, much to be done in filling gaps and strengthening weak places. But each year sees a substantial progress made towards fitting the Library for the work it has to do, namely, to serve the District as a storehouse of information, and as an aid to all schemes of education.

Catalogues. The stock of catalogues is now so low that it will be well to consider a new edition ere long.

The usual statistical tables, lists of donors and donations, newspapers and periodicals, financial statement, etc., are appended.

In closing, I take pleasure in highly commending the work of the Assistants, and in thanking you for the aid and encouragement you are always ready to give me.

I am, Gentlemen,

Faithfully yours,

EDITH G. TAYLOR.

LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1902.

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued for Ref. and Reading Room.	Combined issue Lending and Ref. Department.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
April, 1901	5,723	220	5,943	4,659
May, ,,	4,249	112	4,361	3,273
June, ,,	4,048	104	4,152	3,159
July, ,,	4,807	161	4,968	3,981
August, ,,	3,730	86	3,816	3,075
September, ,,	5,683	194	5,877	5,144
October, ,,	4,631	121	4,752	4,079
November, ,,	4,871	298	5,169	4,391
December, ,,	5,402	310	5,712	4,758
January, 1902	4,931	236	5,167	4,625
February, ,,	4,727	266	4,993	4,451
March, ,,	6,255	232	6,487	5,430
TOTALS	59,057	2,340	61,397	51,025

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued for Home Reading, for the Year ending 31st March, 1902.

CLASS.	1901 Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	1902 Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total.
General Works	100	70	65	81	62	88	76	129	157	148	123	163	1262
Philosophy	15	11	10	12	6	17	16	18	21	17	14	22	179
Religion	22	11	16	37	11	21	20	23	17	22	20	48	268
Sociology	31	19	21	21	13	10	27	29	36	24	23	32	286
Philology	13	8	8	8	1	10	12	10	5	8	10	10	103
Natural Science	62	44	44	54	29	64	40	44	67	59	57	87	651
Useful Arts	35	24	26	30	29	38	18	49	37	43	42	51	422
Fine and Recreative Arts	100	60	47	70	54	82	82	62	75	60	52	51	795
Literature	111	105	108	132	133	157	107	121	121	126	100	147	1468
Juvenile Literature	804	584	492	544	457	636	507	537	630	592	568	728	7079
History, Biography, Travel	355	211	201	274	195	353	326	329	329	298	261	450	3582
Fiction	4075	3102	3010	3544	2740	4207	3400	3520	3907	3534	3457	4466	42,962
TOTALS	5723	4249	4048	4807	3730	5683	4631	4871	5402	4931	4727	6255	59,057

TABLE C.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department for the Year ending 31st March, 1902.

CLASS.	1901. Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1902. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	37	29	23	32	10	39	16	33	24	25	26	55	349
Philosophy	2	0	1	4	1	3	2	1	0	2	8	2	26
Religion	1	2	0	1	2	4	0	4	2	0	0	7	23
Sociology	7	4	4	1	6	2	6	10	7	3	2	3	55
Philology	25	24	19	21	3	24	16	24	9	7	15	13	200
Natural Science	13	4	7	7	4	6	3	6	14	20	10	20	114
Useful Arts	6	6	4	7	6	8	6	7	6	2	9	3	70
Fine Arts	4	0	3	10	9	14	9	8	3	15	3	2	80
Literature	29	14	9	21	11	18	8	19	24	7	6	12	178
Juvenile Literature	56	2	3	19	17	34	19	127	174	117	141	54	763
History, Travel, Biography	22	19	14	10	7	23	19	33	18	16	26	44	251
Fiction	18	8	17	28	10	19	17	26	29	22	20	17	231
TOTALS	220	112	104	161	86	194	121	298	310	236	266	232	2,340

TABLE D.

Total Classification of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1902.

CLASS.	1901. Apl.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1902. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	137	99	88	113	72	127	92	162	181	173	149	218	1611
Philosophy	17	11	11	16	7	20	18	19	21	19	22	24	205
Religion	23	13	16	38	13	25	20	27	19	22	20	55	291
Sociology	38	23	25	22	19	12	33	39	43	27	25	35	341
Philology	38	32	27	29	4	34	28	34	14	15	25	23	303
Natural Science	75	48	51	61	33	70	43	50	81	79	67	107	765
Useful Arts	41	30	30	37	35	46	24	56	43	45	51	54	492
Fine Arts	104	60	50	80	63	96	91	70	78	75	55	53	875
Literature: Poetry and Drama	140	119	117	153	144	175	115	140	145	133	106	159	1,646
Juvenile Literature	860	586	495	563	474	670	526	664	804	709	709	782	7,842
History, Travel, Biography	377	230	215	284	202	376	345	362	347	314	287	494	3,833
Fiction	4,093	3,110	3,027	3,572	2,750	4,226	3,417	3,546	3,936	3,556	3,477	4,483	43,193
TOTALS	5,943	4,361	4,152	4,968	3,816	5,877	4,752	5,169	5,712	5,167	4,993	6,487	61,397

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Volumes in stock	7,871
,, presented	330
,, bound	430
,, repaired by staff	458
Total number of Issues	61,397
Average daily Issue	201
Number of borrowers on register	3,698
,, ,, enrolled during year	1,946
,, ,, awaiting registration	30
Number of Tickets expired	1,740
,, ,, replaced	133
,, ,, in force	1,729
Borrowers resident in Waterloo	1,154
,, ,, Seaforth	575
Overdue books written for	882
Number of books bespoken	177
Books lost and paid for by borrowers	5
,, missing	2
Number of days open	305
Largest issue in one day	481

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries: –Arbroath, Aston Manor, Ashton-under-Lyne, Battersea, Bebington (Mayer), Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bristol, Chorley, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Glasgow, Gloucester, Hanley, Holyhead, Kettering, Leeds, Lincoln, Newcastle-on-Tyne, New York (Pratt Institute), Preston, Runcorn, Shoreditch, Stepney, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Westminster, Widnes.

BULLETINS from Bootle, Chorley, Manchester, Nottingham, Peterborough.

CATALOGUES from Blackburn, Bootle, Chorley, Douglas (I.O.M.), Dundee, Fulham, Hanley, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nottingham, Warrington.

LOCAL COLLECTION.

Abstract of an Act of Parliament for draining, improving, and preserving the "lowlands" in the Parishes of Altcar, Sefton, Halsall, and Walton-on-the-Hill; in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Anon .....Pen and pencil sketches of Liverpool Town Councillors, 1866

,, ...The Stranger in Liverpool, 1831.

Baines, Edward .....History, directory, and gazetteer of the County Palatine of Lancaster; with a variety of commercial and statistical information; maps, plans, 2 v., 1824.

,, ...History of the County Palatine and Duchy of Lancaster, 2 v., 1868.

Blower, B. .....The Mersey, ancient and modern, illus., 1878.

Blundell, W. .....Crosby records.

Brooke, R.... .....Liverpool as it was during the last quarter of the eighteenth century, 1853.

Caröe, W. D. *and* Gordon, E. J. A.....Sefton, 1893.

Clegg, J. .....Annals of Bolton.

Corry, J. .....History of Lancashire, 2 v., 1825.

Cox, Edward W.....Lancaster Castle, 1897.

Espinasse, E. .....Lancashire worthies, 1874.

Fishwick, H. .....History of Lancashire.

Gamlin, Mrs. H. .....'Twixt Mersey and Dee, illus., 1897.

Gibson, T. E. .....Lydiate Hall and its associations, 1876.

Gregson, W. E. .....Recusant Roll of West Derby Hundred, 1641.

Grindon, L.....Lancashire: historical and descriptive notes.

Harrison, H. .....Place names of the Liverpool District, 1898.

Herdman, W. G. .....Pictorial Relics of Ancient Liverpool, 2 v., 1843-56.

Howson, J. S. .....The River Dee: its aspect and history, 1892.

McNicoll, D. H.....Handbook for Southport, with copious notes of the natural history of the district, 1859.

Moore, Sir E. .....Liverpool in King Charles the Second's time, 1899.

Picton, J. A. .....Memorials of Liverpool: historical and topographical, 2 v., 1875.

Potter, Louisa .....Lancashire Memories, 1879.

Powell, Rev. F. .....Ancient Charters preserved at Scarisbrick Hall, in the County of Lancaster, 1898.

Price, W. F. .....Inscribed and dated stones on some old Lancashire houses, 1901.

,, ...Notes on some of the places, traditions, and folklore of the Douglas Valley, 1901.

Reade, T. Mellard .....The Gypsum boulder of Great Crosby; its history and meaning, 1898.

Roby, J. .....Popular traditions of Lancashire, 3 v., 1843.

Saintsbury, G. .....Manchester: a short history, 1887.

Sully, J. .....The Hundred of Wirral, 1889.

Sutton, C. W. .....Bibliotheca Lancastriensis.

Syers, R. .....History of Everton, including familiar dissertations on the people, and descriptive delineations of the several and separate properties of the township, 1830.

Wall, G. W.....S. Helen's Church, Sephton, 1896.

Williams, G. .....History of the Liverpool privateers, with an account of the Liverpool slave trade, 1897.

SOME OF THE WORKS OF REFERENCE.

Allibone's Dictionary of English literature, 5 v.

,, Quotations: prose, poetry, great authors, 3 v.

Adam's Manual of historical literature.

Blade's Enemies of books.

,, Pentateuch of printing.

SOME OF THE WORKS OF REFERENCE—*Continued.*

Bryan's Dictionary of painters and engravers, 2 v.
Calendars of State papers, 19 v.
Cassell's Rivers of Great Britain, 2 v.
,, Biographical dictionary.
,, Men and women of the time.
Chambers' Encyclopædia, 10 v.
,, Cyclopædia of English literature, 2 v.
,, Information for the people., 2 v.
Chipiez and Perrot, Art in Ancient Egypt, Chaldea, Assyria, Phrygia, Lydia, Caria, Lycia, Persia, Phœnicia, Cyprus, Sardinia, Judea, Syria, Asia Minor, and primitive Greece, 12 v., illus., 1885-1894.
Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland during the Middle Ages, 205 v.
Cruden's Complete concordance to the Bible.
Ebert's Bibliographical dictionary, 1 v.
Encyclopædia Britannica, 24 v.
Flügel-Schmidt German-English dictionary, 2 v.
Grove's Dictionary of music and musicians, 4 v.
Gwilt's Encyclopædia of architecture.
Halkett and Laing's Dictionary of anonymous and pseudonymous literature, 4 v.
Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, v 1.
Haydn's Dictionary of dates.
Hazlitt's Bibliography of old English literature.
Horne's Study of bibliography.
Johnson's English dictionary, 2 v.
Johnson's Typographia, 2 v.
Jones's Grammar of ornament.
Longmans' Gazetteer of the world.
Lowndes' Bibliographical manual, 3 v.
Magazine of Art, 16 v.
Masterpieces of industrial art and sculpture, 3 v.
Mc Culloch's Geographical dictionary, 2 v.
Morris's Nests and eggs of British birds, 3 v.
Murray's English dictionary, 5 v.
Muther's History of the art of painting, 3 v.
Ogilvie's Imperial dictionary, 4 v.
Poole's Index to periodical literature, 5 v.
Reference Catalogue of current literature, 2 v.
Rogers' Manual of Bibliography.
Ruskin's Stones of Venice, 3 v.
,, Modern painters, 6 v.
Slater's Early editions.
Sonnenschein's Best books and Reader's guide, 2 v.
Stead's Index to periodicals.
Stephens, L. and Lee, S. Dictionary of national biography, 66 v.
Stratmann's Middle English dictionary.
The Times Atlas of the world.
Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica, 4 v.

DONORS AND DONATIONS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
6p	Agent-General for Ontario, Canada.	Statement concerning the resources of Ontario, Canada, 1901.
	,,	The Orchards and vineyards of Ontario, 1901.
12v	Agent-General for Western Australia	The Western Australian Settler's Guide.
	,,	Western Australian Year Books, Handbooks, Government Gazette, etc., 1898-1901,

DONORS AND DONATIONS.—*Continued.*

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
1v	Agent-General for Queensland	Queensland Mining Journal.
1v	Board of Advertising, Isle of Man,	Official Guide to the Isle of Man.
1v	Caledonian Railway Company	Through Scotland by the Caledonian Railway.
49v	Clarendon Press, The—	
	,, Bigg, C.	The Christian Platonists of Alexandria.
	,, Bradley, G. G.	Lectures on Ecclesiastes.
	,, ,,	Lectures on Job.
	,, Burnet, Bp.	History of my own time.
	,, Chaucer, G.	Complete works, ed. by Skeat, 7 v.
	,, Couch, A. Q.	Oxford book of English verse.
	,, Cramer, J. A.	Geographical and historical description of Asia Minor and Ancient Greece, 5 v.
	,, Ebert, F. A.	Bibliographical dictionary, 4 v.
	,, Green, T. H.	Prolegomena to ethics.
	,, Greswell, W. P.	Geography of Africa, South of Zambesi.
	,, ,,	History of the Dominion of Canada.
	,, ,,	Geography of Canada and Newfoundland.
	,, Haigh, A. E.	Tragic Drama of the Greeks.
	,, ,,	The Attic Theatre.
	,, Hooker, Richd.	Works.
	,, Lucas, C. P.	Historical Geography of the British Colonies.
	,, Martineau, J.	Study of Religion.
	,, Pollard, A. W.	English miracle plays.
	,, Payne, E.	History of the New World—America.
	,, Saintsbury, G.	Short history of French literature.
	,, Scherer, W.	History of German literature, 2 v.
	,, Smith, L. T.	York mysteries and plays.
	,, Stratmann, F. H.	Middle English dictionary.
	,, Thompson, A.	Handbook of anatomy.
	,, Wallace, W.	Hegel's philosophy of mind.
1v	Brysson Cunningham, Esq.	Building construction, 1901.
2p	Alfred T. Davies, Esq.	Workmen's compensation Act and guide.
5v	Miss A. M. Davies	Education and Technical Journals, 1893-6.
	,,	The Sanitary Record, 1893-4.
1v	E. Derry, Esq.	Round the Zodiac.
	Emigrants' Information Office	Notice board: handbooks, pamphlets, etc.
	Messrs. Hampton	Scholastic directory for London and the Provinces, 1901.
6v	A. Howard, Esq.	Molesworth's History of England.
	,,	Rollin's Ancient History.
5p	Imperial S. African Association	The Africander Bond.
	,,	Some aspects of the native question in South Africa.
	,,	The Black man and the franchise.
4v	G. D. Killey, Esq., J.P.	Mahaffy's Greek pictures.
	,,	Macaulay's sea pictures.
	,,	Indian pictures.
	,,	Notables of Britain.
205v	Lords Commissioners of H.M.'s Treasury	Record publications.
3v	Macmillan & Co.	Algebraical examples.
	,,	Hygiene for students.
	,,	Practical exercises in magnetism and electricity.
3v	Mrs. Frida Mond	Blind, M. Dramas in miniature.
	,,	,, Tarantella.
1v	North British Railway Co.	The West Highland Railway Tourists' Guide 1901.
1v	W. F. Price, Esq.	Notes on some of the traditions and folklore of the Douglas Valley, 1901.

DONORS AND DONATIONS—*Continued.*

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
4v	W. C. Rawlins, Esq.	Methuen's Peace or war in South Africa.
	,,	Lyall ..... In spite of all.
	,,	Crockett ... The firebrand.
	,,	Weyman ... Count Hannibal.
1v	C. C. Roberts, Esq.	Drifting, 1901.
1v	R. Steel, Esq.	Imitation, 1900.
1v	C. W. Sutton, Esq.,	Lancashire and Cheshire books.
9v	Mrs. Tweddle	Systematic arrangement of British plants.
	,,	Hortus Anglicus.
	,,	Herodotus.
	,,	Zenophon.
1v	Messrs. Weaver	Twentieth century directory of Waterloo, Seaforth, Crosby, and Blundellsands, 1901.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier.
Liverpool Daily Post.
Liverpool Echo.
Liverpool Express.
Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily News.
London Standard.
London Times.
Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
British Weekly.
Building News.
Church Guardian.
*Civil Service Weekly.
*Civil Service Competitor.
Commercial Intelligence.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
Engineering.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Graphic.
Illustrated London News.
Judy.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*London Stock Market Report.
*Manx Sun.
*Mona's Herald.
Navy and Army Illustrated.
Photography.
Punch.
Queen.
Saturday Review
Speaker.
Spectator.
Sphere.
Tablet.
Truth.
*University Correspondent.
Waterloo and Crosby Herald.
Waterloo Times.

MONTHLY.

*Animals.
Art Magazine.
Bookman.
Bookseller.
Boys' Own Paper.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Contemporary Review.
Cosmopolitan.
*Educational Review.
Fortnightly Review.
Girls' Own Paper.
Girls' Realm.
Harper's Monthly.
Household Words.
Humanitarian.
Investors' Chronicle.
Journal of Education.
Ladies' Home Journal.
*Ladies' League Gazette.
*Literary Guide.
Nature.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
*Patents.
Phonetic Journal.
*Publishers' Circular.
*Queensland Mining Journal.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
Temple Magazine.
*White Ribbon.
Windsor Magazine.
Woman at Home.
Work.
Young Man.
Young Woman.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
Caledonian Railway Guide.
*Cambrian Railway Guide.
*Glasgow and South Western.
*Great Central.
*Gt. Northern Railway Guide.
*Gt. Western Railway Guide.
*L. & Y. Railway Guide.
*London and North-Western Railway Guide.
*Midland Railway Guide.
*North British.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide.

Those marked * are presented.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1902.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1900-1901		13	18	4
From General District Rate, 1901-2		435	0	0
,, Fines	£17 17 7			
,, Readers' Tickets	8 12 6			
,, Catalogues	2 14 6			
,, Papers sold	1 5 6			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0 5 6			
,, Bespoken Books	0 13 6			
		31	9	1
Total		£480	7	5

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	72	18	10
,, Salaries	141	0	0
,, Establishment Charges, Postages, Petty Cash	12	18	1
,, Printing and Stationery	17	12	10
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	48	0	3
,, New Books	103	2	2
,, Bookbinding	45	12	3
,, Furniture and Fittings	2	5	3
,, Lighting	20	4	4
,, Apparatus	4	10	6
	£468	4	6
,, Balance in hand at end of year	12	2	11
Total	£480	7	5

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

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Public Library.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARIAN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1903.

KATE FEARNSIDE,
LIBRARIAN.

LIVERPOOL:
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1903.

Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

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To the Chairman and Members of
The Technical Instruction and Library Committee
of the Urban District Council
of Waterloo-with-Seaforth.

GENTLEMEN,

Fifth Annual Report.

I have pleasure in presenting the Fifth Annual Report of the Library.

Staff.

The past year has seen the first change in the Staff of the Library since its foundation. Miss Edith G. Taylor, the Librarian from the commencement, resigned in November 1902, in view of her approaching marriage. The vacancy thus caused, the Committee filled by promoting myself to the chief position, Miss Bartlett to that of senior assistant; and Miss D. Warner was appointed junior assistant. I thank the Committee for this mark of confidence, and for the help and consideration invariably extended to me.

Circulation.

During the year the circulation of books has kept remarkably equal to that of the preceding year. The total issue recorded for Lending and Reference Departments is 57,350 as against 61,397 last year. The decrease thus shown is accounted for by the closing of the Lending Department from June 18th to 28th for stocktaking, and by the unusual amount of holiday-making due to Coronation Festivities.

Lending Department.

The average daily issue is 201, and the highest in one day yet recorded was on January 31st, when 493 books were borrowed.

Reference Department.

The Reference Department and Reading Room continue to be fully utilized. Statistics for Reference Books by no means give a complete record of the use made of this department, free access being given as far as possible.

Reading Room. Approximately 51,758 visitors have frequented the Reading Room as against 51,025 the previous year, showing that the popularity of the Library is still on the increase.

Borrowers The number of registered borrowers is 4,725, number of tickets expired 2,790, cancelled 89, making the actual number of borrowers 1,847, an increase of 118 during the year. Juvenile borrowers number 199, of whom 106 are boys and 93 girls.

Books. There are now 8,237 volumes on the shelves, 366 of which have been added during the year, 66 by purchase, 154 by presentation and 146 magazines bound. 501 books have been re-bound.

Stock-taking The Lending Department was closed from June 18th to 28th for the purpose of stock-taking. This is the first time all books have been called in for a thorough examination since the Library was opened five years ago, and the results are very satisfactory. All but twenty books were returned and these were accounted for with one exception. It was calculated that many of the popular books had changed hands between one hundred and twenty and one hundred and fifty times. At the present date 35 books are actually worn out and withdrawn, and these, with sets of a few popular authors, require replacing, otherwise the stock may be considered in good working order.

Catalogue. Since the first catalogue was printed in 1899 the stock of books has more than doubled. A new edition is therefore an immediate necessity. In July last it was decided to do this in five sections, viz.:—

I. History, Biography and Travel.
II. Philosophy, Science and Religion.
III. Fine and Useful Arts.
IV. Literature, Poetry and the Drama.
V. Fiction.

The first section, History, Biography and Travel, compiled by the late librarian, has been issued and is selling freely. The demand however, for a new Fiction list is great; it will therefore be well to give attention to this section as soon as possible.

Donors and Donations.

Generous gifts to the Library have been made by several residents of the district. Special mention should be made of those from Mrs. James Barrow, the late Father Bennett, and Mr. George Oliver Jones. The valuable books, some of which are local works, presented by Mrs. Barrow in memory of her late husband, will long associate his name with the Public Library. Only a week before his death the Rev. A. A. Bennett presented the "Times" edition of Punch from 1841 to 1891 in a handsome walnut case. This further adornment of the Reading Room, together with the pleasure these volumes afford, will long serve to keep before the public the memory of one whose interest and help as a member of the Library Committee might always be relied upon. The British Association Reports, presented by Mr. George Oliver Jones, are an acquisition which very few Libraries are fortunate enough to secure.

A full list of donors and donations, newspapers and periodicals, together with statistical tables, financial statements, etc., are appended.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

KATE FEARNSIDE,
LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1903.

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued for Ref. and Reading Room.	Combined issue Lending and Ref. Department.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
April, 1902	4,857	161	5,018	4,272
May, ,,	4,413	126	4,539	3,527
June, ,,	3,004	139	3,143	3,465
July, ,,	3,610	94	3,704	3,337
August, ,,	3,569	85	3,654	3,147
September, ,,	5,265	149	5,414	4,902
October, ,,	4,427	153	4,580	4,339
November, ,,	4,656	246	4,902	4,445
December, ,,	5,515	221	5,736	5,137
January, 1903	4,753	175	4,928	4,482
February, ,,	4,975	172	5,147	4,742
March, ,,	6,429	156	6,585	5,963
TOTALS	55,473	1,877	57,350	51,758

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued for Home Reading, for the Year ending 31st March, 1903.

CLASS.	1902 Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	1903 Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total.
General Works	148	144	115	187	154	223	197	193	232	231	250	346	2420
Philosophy	19	16	7	10	14	21	24	21	21	13	19	20	205
Religion	38	30	10	18	15	22	30	42	55	33	34	39	366
Sociology	33	31	21	19	17	28	36	41	36	19	36	34	351
Philology	4	1	4	0	1	2	4	3	5	7	4	3	38
Natural Science	85	72	42	30	26	51	53	55	59	36	61	90	660
Useful Arts	36	23	13	19	23	47	46	40	45	30	29	42	393
Fine Arts	61	51	27	37	45	82	57	64	73	48	67	77	689
Literature	81	90	37	67	54	115	102	84	265	235	251	303	1684
Juvenile Literature	564	473	337	366	375	622	546	619	753	673	670	933	6931
History, Biography, Travel	268	233	156	149	160	317	258	334	318	267	234	318	3012
Fiction	3520	3249	2235	2708	2685	3735	3074	3160	3653	3161	3320	4224	38,724
TOTALS	4857	4413	3004	3610	3569	5265	4427	4656	5515	4753	4975	6429	55,473

TABLE C.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department, for the Year ending 31st March, 1903.

CLASS.	1902. Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	1903. Jan.	Feb	Mar.	Total.
General Works	29	15	24	39	25	33	17	69	106	55	47	37	496
Philosophy	3	2	5	2	5	2	0	1	1	2	3	0	26
Religion	5	2	4	2	0	5	7	3	8	1	3	4	44
Sociology	3	2	1	1	2	2	0	4	1	3	4	5	28
Philology	9	3	10	0	1	5	7	15	14	13	24	19	120
Natural Science	6	3	4	8	3	10	13	16	4	2	7	4	80
Useful Arts	7	3	2	1	7	7	8	8	2	5	10	7	67
Fine Arts	9	6	3	11	8	9	4	10	4	4	3	6	77
Literature	19	12	11	6	6	14	11	3	1	3	5	4	95
Juvenile Literature	47	46	42	14	13	21	50	83	62	70	44	41	533
History, Travel, Biography	13	17	24	7	4	23	18	14	12	3	9	18	162
Fiction	11	15	9	3	11	18	18	20	6	14	13	11	149
TOTALS	161	126	139	94	85	149	153	246	221	175	172	156	1,877

TABLE D.

Total Classification of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1903.

CLASS.	1902. Apl.	May	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1903. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total
General Works	177	159	139	226	179	256	214	262	338	286	297	383	2916
Philosophy	22	18	12	12	19	23	24	22	22	15	22	20	231
Religion	43	32	14	20	15	27	37	45	63	34	37	43	410
Sociology	36	33	22	20	19	30	36	45	37	22	40	39	379
Philology	13	4	14	0	2	7	11	18	19	20	28	22	158
Natural Science	91	75	46	38	29	61	66	71	63	38	68	94	740
Useful Arts	43	26	15	20	30	54	54	48	47	35	39	49	460
Fine Arts	70	57	30	48	53	91	61	74	77	52	70	83	766
Literature: Poetry and Drama	100	102	48	73	60	129	113	87	266	238	256	307	1,779
Juvenile Literature	611	519	379	380	386	643	596	702	815	743	714	974	7,462
History, Travel, Biography	281	250	180	156	173	340	276	348	330	270	243	336	3,183
Fiction	3,531	3,264	2,244	2,711	2,689	3,753	3,092	3,180	3,659	3,175	3,333	4,235	38,866
TOTALS	5,018	4,539	3,143	3,704	3,654	5,414	4,580	4,902	5,736	4,928	5,147	6,585	57,350

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Number of books bespoken.....	157
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BULLETINS from Bootle, Glasgow, Liverpool (Lyceum).

CATALOGUES from Bootle, Cardiff, Manchester, Peterborough.

DONORS AND DONATIONS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
39v	Barrow, Mrs. J.	Liverpool a few years ago (1852).
	,,	Liverpool Municipal Records, 13th, 17th Century, 1700-1835.
	,,	*Athenæum Library, Liverpool* —
	,,	Catalogue, 1864.
	,,	Supplement, 1875.
	,,	History, 1798-1898, compiled by G. T. Shaw
	,,	White Star Line S.S. "Teutonic," Diamond Jubilee Naval Review (Photogravures)
	,,	,, ,, S.S. "Teutonic" (Photographs)
	,,	,, ,, Presentation to the Managers (Photos).
	,,	,, ,, New Twin Screw S.S. "Oceanic" (Photogravures)
		Royal visit to Liverpool, 1881.
	,,	Clocks and watches and bells, by Beckett, Sir E.
	,,	Practical notes on wine.
	,,	Arithmetic in theory and practice.
	,,	Eternal hope, by Farrar.
	,,	Constitution of Local Government Districts.
	,,	Round about Snowdon, by Hissy. Illus.
	,,	Our gardens, by Dean Hole. Illus.
	,,	From sea to sea, by Kipling.
	,,	Sunsets on the Hebrew mountains.
	,,	Chairman and Speaker's guide.
	,,	Handbook to public picture galleries of Europe.
	,,	Art of dining.
	,,	Shakespeare's true life, by Walter. Illus.
	,,	Truths illustrated by great writers.
	,,	Master Humphrey's clock, Dickens, 1840-41.
	,,	The Kickleburys on the Rhine, by "Titmarsh."
	,,	Visits of Elizabeth.
	,,	Scarlet Letter. Hawthorne.
	,,	Let not man put asunder. King.
	,,	To London town. Morrison.
	,,	In Market Overt, Payn.
	,,	Quo Vadis, by Sienkiewicz.
	,,	Miss Nance. Tytler.
	,,	David Harum. Westcott.
	,,	No. 5, John Street. Whiteing.
	,,	Penelope's experiences in Scotland. Illus.
26v	Bennett, Rev. A. A.	"Times" edition of "Punch;" from 1841 to 1891.
	,,	Spielman's History of "Punch."
1v	Burgoyne, F. J.	Memorials of Robert Spears.
1v	Davies, A. T.	The licensing problem, and magisterial discretion.
3v	Guildhall Library Committee	London and the Kingdom, by R. P. Sharpe.
7v	Holland, B.	The Popular encyclopædia.
1v	Hosie, J.	Kendal; a gateway to the Lakes.
18v	Jones, G. Oliver	Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1883-1898, 1900-1901.
15v	Macmillan & Co.	Class book of geology.
	,,	Practical botany for beginners.
	,,	Introduction to the study of chemistry, 2 v.
	,,	Practical exercises in heat.
	,,	Introductory chemistry for intermediate schools

DONORS AND DONATIONS—*continued.*

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
	Macmillan & Co.	Short introduction to graphical algebra.
	,,	Geometrical drawing and design.
	,,	Light for students.
	,,	Theoretical geometry for beginners.
	,,	,, organic chemistry.
	,,	Simple experiments in magnetism and electricity.
	,,	Practical exercises in light.
	,,	Practical exercises in geometry.
	,,	Short introduction to graphical algebra (enlarged ed.)
24v	Margetts, O. B.	Lighthouses of the world.
	,,	Sailing directory of the South Atlantic Ocean.
	,,	,, ,, for the West Coast of North America.
	,,	Theatre choisi de Racine.
	,,	Lectures on ventilation.
	,,	Lyle Harcourt.
	,,	Ten of them.
	,,	Rory O'More. Lover.
	,,	House of seven gables. Hawthorne.
	,,	Francis Leslie.
	,,	The picket line.
	,,	Story of the Robins.
	,,	Robinson Crusoe.
	,,	Moor End Farm.
	,,	Pine needles.
	,,	The Chautauqua girls at home.
	,,	Our Winnie.
	,,	Stories of the dog.
	,,	With axe and rifle.
	,,	Rob Roy.
	,,	The Caxtons.
	,,	Vanity Fair.
	,,	Sketches by Boz.
	,,	Every Boy's annual.
2v	Ogden, H. J.	War against the Dutch Republics in South Africa.
8v	Pring, Jacob	Structure of coral reefs.
	,,	The Academic speaker.
	,,	The Anglo-Boer conflict.
	,,	The Transvaal from within. Fitzpatrick.
	,,	With Stanley's rear guard.
	,,	Dictionary of the French and English language
	,,	The gold headed cane.
	,,	Speeches of Daniel O'Connell.
1v	University Correspondence College Press	London University Guide.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier.
Liverpool Daily Post.
Liverpool Echo.
Liverpool Express.
Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily News.
London Standard.
*London Stock Market Report
London Times.
Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
British Weekly.
Builder.
Building News.
Church Guardian.
*Civil Service Weekly.
*Civil Service Competitor.
Commercial Intelligence.
*Co-operative News.
Engineer.
Engineering.
Electrical Review.
*English Churchman.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Graphic.
Illustrated London News.
Judy.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
Nature.
Navy and Army.
Photography.
Punch.
Queen.
Saturday Review
Speaker.
Spectator.
Sphere.
Tablet.
Truth.
*University Correspondent.
Waterloo and Crosby Herald.
Waterloo Times.

MONTHLY.

*Animals' Friend.
Art Magazine.
Bookman.
Bookseller.
Boys' Own Paper.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Contemporary Review.
Cosmopolitan.
Fortnightly Review.
Girls' Own Paper.
Girls' Realm.
Harper's Magazine.
Household Words.
Journal of Education.
Ladies' Home Journal.
*Ladies' League Gazette.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
Phonetic Journal.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
Temple Magazine.
*White Ribbon.
Windsor Magazine.
Woman at Home.
Work.
Young Man.
Young Woman.
*Patents.
*Travellers' Gazette.

QUARTERLY.

Critical Review.
Hibbert Journal.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
Caledonian Railway Guide.
*Cambrian Railway Guide.
Glasgow and South Western.
Great Central.
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*North British.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1903.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1901-1902		12	2	11
From General District Rate, 1902-3		447	0	0
,, Fines	£19 3 1			
,, Readers' Tickets	9 7 8			
,, Catalogues	2 16 4			
,, Papers sold	2 15 10			
,, Damaged Books	0 1 6			
,, Bespoken Books	0 12 6			
		34	16	11
Total		£493	19	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	71	12	0
,, Salaries	139	0	0
,, Establishment Charges, Postages, and Insurance	11	11	11
,, Printing and Stationery	28	15	6
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	52	5	11
,, New Books	91	17	6
,, Bookbinding	47	16	0
,, Lighting	12	16	2
	£455	15	0
,, Balance in hand at end of year	38	4	10
Total	£493	19	10

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH

Public Library.

SIXTH . . .

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARIAN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1904.

KATE FEARNSIDE,
LIBRARIAN.

LIVERPOOL:
C. TINLING AND CO. PRINTING CONTRACTORS, VICTORIA STREET.

1904.

Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

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1903-1904.

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To the Chairman and Members of The Technical Instruction and Library Committee of the Urban District Council of Waterloo-with-Seaforth.

GENTLEMEN,

Sixth Annual Report.

In presenting this, the Sixth Annual Report, I have to record satisfactory progress in the work of the Library.

Lending Department.

In the Lending Department 57,997 volumes have been issued during the year, an increase of 2,524 over the preceding year. It is satisfactory to note that not one book has to be recorded as lost, and that the percentage of fiction issued gradually decreases: in 1902 the fiction percentage was 72·7, in 1903 69·8, and in 1904 68·1.

Reference Department.

The Reference Library continues to be well used, as also the Reading Room; frequently during winter evenings seating accommodation has been taxed to its utmost capacity. Based on an hourly count, during the past year the number of visitors is approximated at 54,690, a greater number than in any previous year.

Juvenile Borrowers.

The number of Juvenile Readers, as shown both in Reading Room and Home Reading Statistics, is worthy of note, 8,841 issues having been made to children—1,000 more than in any previous year.

Stock.

The Library now contains 8,584 volumes. 347 have been added during the year, 89 of which were presented.

Fiction Catalogue.

A Fiction Catalogue has been issued and is circulating freely among the borrowers. This forms the second section of a new catalogue, leaving three further sections still to be published for its completion.

Special Lists.

A list of books on the "Puritan Revolution" has been compiled for the use of University Extension Students; also one of books relating to the scene of the present Russo-Japanese War.

Structural Alterations.

Additional shelving having become a necessity, the Library was closed on January 13th, 14th and 15th, in order to facilitate the completion of the work. Advantage was taken of this opportunity to have the ceiling papered and these alterations, together with the subsequent re-arrangement of books, have given a generally improved appearance to the Library.

Carnegie Library.

Application having been made to Mr. Carnegie for help in the matter of a Branch Library, in July last the efforts of the Chairman of this Committee (Dr. Simpson) were rewarded by a favourable reply, Mr. Carnegie promising £3,000 for that purpose.

Library Association Conference.

The Annual Conference of the Library Association was held in Leeds last September and with your consent I attended the meetings. The inaugural address was delivered by the President, Prof. W. MacNeile Dixon, of the Birmingham University, and interesting and suggestive papers were read by Librarians and other delegates—special features of the Conference being Branch Libraries, work in connection with the National Home Reading Union and School Libraries.

In concluding this report, I desire to thank the Members of the Committee for consideration and assistance rendered to me in matters which it has been my duty to bring before them.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

KATE FEARNSIDE.

LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1904.

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued for Ref. and Reading Room.	Combined issue Lending and Ref. Department.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
April, 1903	4,257	82	4,339	3,584
May, ,,	4,566	69	4,635	3,908
June, ,,	5,017	126	5,143	3,988
July, ,,	3,995	146	4,141	3,943
August, ,,	4,935	99	5,034	4,716
September, ,,	4,216	93	4,309	4,138
October, ,,	4,549	189	4,738	4,081
November, ,,	5,682	252	5,934	5,433
December, ,,	3,931	128	4,059	4,077
January, 1904	4,576	190	4,766	4,471
February, ,,	6,271	346	6,617	6,574
March, ,,	6,002	212	6,214	5,777
TOTALS	57,997	1,932	59,929	54,690

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued for Home Reading, for the Year ending 31st March, 1904.

CLASS.	1903 Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	1904 Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total.
General Works	203	205	178	146	196	148	190	212	151	191	267	224	2311
Philosophy	7	19	7	15	5	8	15	22	7	14	12	15	146
Religion	22	25	45	31	30	19	24	49	23	29	21	38	356
Sociology	20	23	26	27	30	22	22	28	19	18	36	37	308
Philology	4	1	2	1	1	1	3	5	8	3	3	3	35
Natural Science	38	46	59	53	52	56	60	72	30	42	79	57	644
Useful Arts	21	24	43	31	43	37	40	44	31	50	48	49	461
Fine Arts	46	53	43	41	47	47	57	55	39	55	51	71	605
Literature	181	190	215	154	139	175	199	284	178	164	259	229	2367
Juvenile Literature	579	653	662	567	699	599	621	836	534	721	866	829	8166
History, Biography, Travel	195	199	236	157	248	211	228	346	249	279	380	327	3055
Fiction	2941	3128	3501	2772	3445	2893	3090	3729	2662	3010	4249	4123	39,543
TOTALS	4257	4566	5017	3995	4935	4216	4549	5682	3931	4576	6271	6002	57,997

TABLE C.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department, for the Year ending 31st March, 1904.

CLASS.	1903. Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1904. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	18	23	41	46	31	17	42	87	29	48	59	60	501
Philosophy	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	2	4	0	14
Religion	4	1	0	2	1	3	1	4	0	5	5	0	26
Sociology	0	0	2	3	2	0	6	10	3	1	5	4	36
Philology	1	9	11	2	7	7	34	35	13	14	21	22	176
Natural Science	3	1	5	6	2	1	5	2	2	2	18	2	49
Useful Arts	5	7	1	4	2	5	8	7	2	6	13	3	63
Fine Arts	3	4	5	4	3	10	17	7	5	8	12	2	80
Literature	5	6	6	6	5	2	8	7	3	12	14	7	81
Juvenile Literature	26	8	37	42	27	34	48	74	51	77	161	90	675
History, Biography, Travel	10	3	12	17	4	3	14	16	16	9	18	11	133
Fiction	7	6	4	14	15	9	4	2	4	6	16	11	98
TOTALS	82	69	126	146	99	93	189	252	128	190	346	212	1,932

TABLE D.

Total Classification of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1904.

CLASS.	1903. Apl.	May	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1904. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	221	228	219	192	227	165	232	299	180	239	326	284	2,812
Philosophy	7	20	9	15	5	10	17	23	7	16	16	15	160
Religion	26	26	45	33	31	22	25	53	23	34	26	38	382
Sociology	20	23	28	30	32	22	28	38	22	19	41	41	344
Philology	5	10	13	3	8	8	37	40	21	17	24	25	211
Natural Science	41	47	64	59	54	57	65	74	32	44	97	59	693
Useful Arts	26	31	44	35	45	42	48	51	33	56	61	52	524
Fine Arts	49	57	48	45	50	57	74	62	44	63	63	73	685
Literature: Poetry and Drama	186	196	221	160	144	177	207	291	181	176	273	236	2,448
Juvenile Literature	605	661	699	609	726	633	669	910	585	798	1,027	919	8,841
History, Travel, Biography	205	202	248	174	252	214	242	362	265	288	398	338	3,188
Fiction	2,948	3,134	3,505	2,786	3,460	2,902	3,094	3,731	2,666	3,016	4,265	4,134	39,641
TOTALS	4,339	4,635	5,143	4,141	5,034	4,309	4,738	5,934	4,059	4,766	6,617	6,214	59,929

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Volumes in stock.....	8,584
,, presented	89
,, re-placed	69
,, re-bound	345
,, repaired by staff	611
Total number of Issues	59,929
Average daily Issue...	197
Number of Borrower's Tickets in force..	1,886
,, ,, re-placed	109
,, ,, enrolled during year	930
,, ,, awaiting registration	22
Overdue books written for	745
Number of books bespoken.....	199
Books lost and paid for by borrower.....	5
Number of days open	304
Largest issue in one day	597

ANNUAL REPORTS, JOURNALS, CATALOGUES and HAND-LISTS have been received from the following Libraries:—Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Battersea, Bebington, Birkenhead, Blackburn, Bootle, Brighouse, Bristol, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y., Cardiff, Chorley, Croydon, Derby, Fulham, Gloucester, Hanley, Holyhead, Kettering, Kimberley (South Africa), Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottingham, Plymouth, Preston, Shoreditch, St. Helens, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Wallasey, Wandsworth, West Ham, Westminster, Whitehaven, Wigan.

DONORS AND DONATIONS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
1	Anderson and Co.	Orient Pacific Line Guide.
1	Bailey, Sir W. H.	Shakespeare and Temperance.
1	Baxter, D.	Cardinal Pole.
1	Brimley-Johnson	A Popular Account of Cocoa, by Brandon Head.
1	Canadian Manufacturers' Association	Canadian Trade Index.
1	Crisp, F.A. (*Ed.*)	Visitation of England and Wales, vol. 9.
1	Davies, A. T.	Licensing Problem and Magisterial Discretion.
1	Hampton	Scholastic Directory, 1902-3.
7	Holinsworth, C. B.	Zion's Works, vols. 7-13.
1	Jessett, M. G.	Key to South Africa: Delagoa Bay.
8	Macmillan and Co.	Allcock's Theoretical Geometry for Beginners. Parts I-III.
	,, ,,	Barnard and Child's Geometry for Schools.
	,, ,,	,, ,, Geometry for Junior Boys.
	,, ,,	Castle's Manual of Practical Mathematics, 1903.
	,, ,,	Hall and Stevens' School Geometry. Parts I-V.
	,, ,,	Stenhouse's Introduction to Nature Study.
1	National Union of Teachers (per Secretary)	Report, 1903.
55	O'Toole, Mrs.	By Love and Law.
	,, ,,	Clara Saville.
	,, ,,	Seventeen to Twenty-one.
	,, ,,	White Wings, by Black.
	,, ,,	The Dean's Wife.
	,, ,,	Eli's Children, by Fenn.
	,, ,,	The Wellfields, by Fothergill.
	,, ,,	Royal Invitation, by Havergal.
	,, ,,	Poor Archie's Girls.
	,, ,,	Coming Race, by Lytton.
	,, ,,	Comet of a Season.
	,, ,,	Sir Gibbie, by Macdonald.
	,, ,,	Angus Gray.
	,, ,,	Shepherd Psalm.
	,, ,,	Robin.
	,, ,,	Kit: A memory, by Payne.
	,, ,,	Benedicta.
	,, ,,	Mary Somerville.
	,, ,,	As Long as She Lived.

DONORS AND DONATIONS—*continued.*

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	TITLE OF BOOK.
55	O'Toole, Mrs.	Wonders of Nature.
	,, ,,	John Caldigate, by Trollope.
	,, ,,	Scotch Firs.
	,, ,,	Abigel Rowe.
	,, ,,	Chronicles of Dustypore.
	,, ,,	Pious Frauds.
	,, ,,	Wild Rose.
	,, ,,	County People.
	,, ,,	Fixed as Fate.
	,, ,,	Last of the Haddons.
	,, ,,	An Every-day Heroine, by Vandam.
1	Southport Free Library Committee (per Chairman)	Southport: A Handbook.
3	University Correspondence College Press (per General Editor)	University Correspondence College Prospectus. London University Guide. Matriculation Guide, No. 36, Jan., 1904.
4	Waterloo-with-Seaforth Urban District Council	Proceedings of the Council, vols. 5, 6, 7, 8.
1	Stubbs' Publishing Co.	Trades Directory for 1904.

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For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1904.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1902-1903		38	4	10
From General District Rate, 1903-4		472	0	0
,, Fines	£20 16 8			
,, Readers' Tickets	8 17 4			
,, Catalogues	3 12 10			
,, Papers sold	3 10 6			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0 13 1			
,, Bespoken Books	0 13 7			
		38	4	0
Total		£548	8	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	75	18	7
,, Salaries	115	0	0
,, Establishment Charges, Postages, and Insurance	18	10	8
,, Furniture and Fittings	32	2	11
,, Printing and Stationery	38	15	3
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	51	9	10
,, New Books	145	19	10
,, Bookbinding	34	14	10
,, Lighting	14	6	1
	£526	18	0
,, Balance in hand at end of year	21	10	10
Total	£548	8	10

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH

Public Library.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1905.

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1905.

Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Library.

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To the Chairman and

Public Library Committee

of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth

Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration the Seventh Annual Report on the work of the Library for the year ending March 31st, 1905.

Issues.

The total number of books issued in all departments is 64,070, a greater number than in any previous year, and an increase of 4,141 over the preceding year.

Lending Department.

60,197 books have been borrowed for home reading, the increase over last year in this department being 2,200. The daily average issue has been 195, and the highest issue in one day 513.

Reference Department.

3,873 books have been consulted in the Reference Department, 1,941 more than was recorded last year: this increase is partly explained by the wishes of the Committee having been observed in debarring readers from helping themselves to the books except by special permission of the Librarian. Allowing, however, for this change in the organisation, the Reference Department has been more freely used, especially by pupil teachers and senior scholars in the District.

Reading Room.

Approximately 59,137 persons have visited the Reading Room, as a count is only made every hour, probably the attendance has been much greater. The room is well supplied with newspapers and periodicals, and the absence of annoyances so frequently complained of in many public reading rooms is a matter for congratulation.

Borrowers. 1,044 borrowers have been enrolled during the year. The total number enrolled since the opening of the Lending Department is 6,699; of these 4,725 have lapsed and 83 withdrawn their membership, leaving a total of 1,891 actual borrowers, an increase of 6 over last year, thus showing the increased circulation of books is due to the greater use made of the Library by individual borrowers, rather than to an increased membership.

Juvenile Department. Children continue to make good use of the Library in both Reading Room and Lending Departments. 9,882 juvenile books have been issued, 1,041 more than last year.

The necessity for providing a Boys' Reading Room in the new Library has been abundantly evidenced during this last winter. In order to make way for adult readers, young boys have had to vacate the room after 7 p.m. In many cases this means turning them out to roam the streets; there is therefore scope for good work to be done by our Public Library in providing adequate accommodation for these would-be readers, where they may utilize and enjoy to the full the healthy literature contained in the Library.

Stock. The Library now contains 8,966 volumes. 382 books have been added during the year, 110 of which were presented. 424 volumes have been re-bound, 1,158 repaired by the staff, and 83 have been re-placed. Since the opening of the Library the total turnover of books amounts to 369,037. Many single books have been issued over 200 times; the wear and tear is thus very great, and it will be necessary to replace some 300 volumes this year.

Catalogue. Section three of the new catalogue, containing three classes, viz., Science, Useful Arts and Fine and Recreative Arts, has been published this year. Two more sections are required to complete the work.

University Extension Lectures A list of books contained in the Library on Shakespere was compiled for the use of University Extension students attending Professor Elton's course of lectures on Shakespere. The Travelling Library, lent to the Education Committee by

the Liverpool University, was also housed in the Public Library, thus giving students every facility for obtaining books on the subject.

Architect for New Library.

It is probably opportune to record in this report the appointment of Mr. O. D. Black, of Waterloo, as Architect of the intended new Library.

Appended are the usual statistics and a comparative table of issues since the foundation of the Library.

I desire to thank you for appreciation shown of the work of the Library, and for your kindly consideration during my enforced absence last autumn.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

KATE FEARNSIDE,

LIBRARIAN

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1905.

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued for Ref. and Reading Room.	Combined issue Lending and Ref. Departments.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
April, 1904	5,276	239	5,515	4,646
May, ,,	4,525	143	4,668	3,869
June, ,,	4,234	157	4,391	3,529
July, ,,	3,907	84	3,991	3,246
August, ,,	5,259	206	5,465	5,077
September, ,,	4,505	289	4,794	4,702
October, ,,	6,006	612	6,618	6,266
November, ,,	4,952	546	5,498	5,347
December, ,,	4,537	491	5,028	4,957
January, 1905	6,031	455	6,486	6,312
February, ,,	5,070	296	5,366	4,984
March, ,,	5,895	355	6,250	6,202
TOTALS	60,197	3,873	64,070	59,137

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued for Home Reading, for the Year ending 31st March, 1905.

CLASS.	1904 Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec.	1905 Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total.
General Works	174	148	149	134	211	158	223	200	176	214	157	197	2141
Philosophy	11	9	11	10	12	13	17	12	14	16	16	20	161
Religion	22	26	21	20	18	24	35	23	26	21	21	30	287
Sociology	23	24	23	18	43	44	53	41	40	40	38	31	418
Philology	3	3	3	2	1	6	9	6	4	6	10	4	57
Natural Science	48	51	57	32	43	51	75	55	46	52	78	94	682
Useful Arts	34	33	32	26	30	21	52	42	31	51	43	70	465
Fine Arts	39	41	39	36	49	49	52	42	39	59	36	61	542
Literature	165	207	184	151	209	174	236	201	206	269	220	239	2461
Juvenile Literature	763	598	471	473	667	587	756	703	680	929	794	850	8271
History, Biography, Travel	295	242	213	167	244	202	358	255	248	309	286	334	3153
Fiction	3699	3143	3031	2838	3732	3176	4140	3372	3027	4065	3371	3965	41,559
TOTALS	5276	4525	4234	3907	5259	4505	6006	4952	4537	6031	5070	5895	60,197

TABLE C.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department, for the Year ending 31st March, 1905.

CLASS.	1904. Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1905. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	76	49	32	30	43	66	145	158	126	147	104	113	1,089
Philosophy	0	1	1	0	4	8	5	4	4	1	9	2	39
Religion	2	1	6	0	5	6	7	2	13	7	5	5	59
Sociology	5	6	7	4	7	7	10	11	10	3	9	16	95
Philology	12	10	5	5	16	12	9	10	9	11	6	14	119
Natural Science	5	4	15	1	7	8	19	7	6	11	9	13	105
Useful Arts	6	4	3	4	15	11	12	9	1	7	5	10	87
Fine Arts	8	10	16	4	7	13	9	23	10	18	8	14	140
Literature	4	15	10	7	3	19	13	6	11	11	2	14	115
Juvenile Literature	82	15	20	6	68	100	325	271	274	224	109	117	1,611
History, Biography, Travel	28	24	26	13	19	25	41	26	16	15	29	27	289
Fiction	11	4	16	10	12	14	17	19	11	0	1	10	125
TOTALS	239	143	157	84	206	289	612	546	491	455	296	355	3,873

TABLE D.

Total Classification of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1905.

CLASS.	1904. Apl.	May	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1905. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	250	197	181	164	254	224	368	358	302	361	261	310	3,230
Philosophy	11	10	12	10	16	21	22	16	18	17	25	22	200
Religion	24	27	27	20	23	30	42	25	39	28	26	35	346
Sociology	28	30	30	22	50	51	63	52	50	43	47	47	513
Philology	15	13	8	7	17	18	18	16	13	17	16	18	176
Natural Science	53	55	72	33	50	59	94	62	52	63	87	107	787
Useful Arts	40	37	35	30	45	32	64	51	32	58	48	80	552
Fine Arts	47	51	55	40	56	62	61	65	49	77	44	75	682
Literature	169	222	194	158	212	193	249	207	217	280	222	253	2,576
Juvenile Literature	845	613	491	479	735	687	1,081	974	954	1,153	903	967	9,882
History, Biography, Travel	323	266	239	180	263	227	399	281	264	324	315	361	3,442
Fiction	3,710	3,147	3,047	2,848	3,744	3,190	4,157	3,391	3,038	4,065	3,372	3,975	41,684
TOTALS	5,515	4,668	4,391	3,991	5,465	4,794	6,618	5,498	5,028	6,486	5,366	6,250	64,070

COMPARATIVE TABLE [E].

Shewing Number of Issues each Year, and the Total since the Opening of the Library.

CLASS.	1898-9.*	1899-1900.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	Total.
General Works	412	903	1,217	1,611	2,916	2,812	3,230	13,101
Philosophy	130	212	186	205	231	160	200	1,324
Religion	731	922	428	291	410	382	346	3,510
Sociology	222	292	276	341	379	344	513	2,367
Philology	177	319	247	303	158	211	176	1,591
Natural Science	522	655	646	765	740	693	787	4,808
Useful Arts	365	432	455	492	460	524	552	3,280
Fine Arts	406	397	486	875	766	685	682	4,297
Literature	690	1,496	1,474	1,646	1,779	2,448	2,576	12,109
Juvenile Literature	2,071	7,056	7,347	7,842	7,462	8,841	9,882	50,501
History, Biography, Travel	2,059	4,318	3,567	3,833	3,183	3,188	3,442	23,590
Fiction	13,334	35,182	36,659	43,193	38,866	39,641	41,684	248,559
TOTALS	21,119	52,184	52,988	61,397	57,350	59,929	64,070	369,037
Daily Average		164	173	201	195	197	208	
Percentage of Fiction		67·4	69	70·3	67.7	66·1	65	
Percentage of Juvenile Literat'r		13·5	13·8	12·7	13	14·7	15·4	

* Lending Department six months only.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Volumes in stock	8,966
,, presented	110
,, re-placed	83
,, re-bound	431
,, repaired by staff	1,158
Total number of Issues	64,070
Average daily Issue	208
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force	1,891
,, ,, ,, re-placed	126
,, ,, enrolled during year	1,044
Overdue books written for	842
Number of books bespoken	233
Book lost and paid for by Borrower	1
,, ,, Guarantor	1
Books ,, Railway Co.	6
,, missing	2
Number of days open	308
Largest issue in one day	513

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CATALOGUES, HAND-LISTS and LIBRARY JOURNALS from Bootle, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne West Ham.

DONORS OF PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	DONATION.
1 p.	Agent General for South Australia	South Australia, by D. J. Gordon.
1 v.	Amalgamated Press, Ltd.	Daily Mail Year Book for 1905.
1 v.	Bezant, Councillor	Old Violins and their Makers, by Jas. M. Fleming.
100 v.	Cochan, Mrs.	Illustrated London News, 60 vols.
	,, ,,	Penny Encyclopædia, 27 vols.
	,, ,,	Church of England Magazine, 4 vols.
	,, ,,	Eliza Cook's Journal.
	,, ,,	Geography, by James Bell, 3 vols.
	,, ,,	Catalogue of Liverpool Library, 1852.
	,, ,,	Bible Maps.
	,, ,,	Handbook of River Plate Republic.
	,, ,,	Book Hunter, by J. H. Burton.
	,, ,,	Gold and Gospel.
1 v.	Edmonstone, Mrs.	Wide Wide World, by Mrs. Wetherell.
26 v.	Edwards, Miss	Maitre Pierre.
	,, ,,	Le Roman d'un Brave Homme.
	,, ,,	Cosmopolis.
	,, ,,	Mariage Mondain.
	,, ,,	Madam et Monsieur Cardinal.
	,, ,,	La Veuve.
	,, ,,	Die Schwestern.
	,, ,,	Lise Fleuron.
	,, ,,	Heimat.
	,, ,,	Helene Jung.
	,, ,,	Die Tochter des Meeres.
	,, ,,	Lady Dorothea's Gäfte.
	,, ,,	Jack wid feine drei Flammen.
	,, ,,	Kosmopolis.
	,, ,,	Nimrod & Tie.
	,, ,,	Mik Balmaine's Dergangenheit.
	,, ,,	Tin Mann von Redentung.
	,, ,,	Die Sabinerin.
	,, ,,	Der Derkaufeiner Seele.
	,, ,,	Seine Tochter.
	,, ,,	Die Kinder der Excellenz.
	,, ,,	Die Verhanguisvolle Phryne.
	,, ,,	Bwei Bruder.
	,, ,,	Thr Argfter Feind.
	,, ,,	Novellen.
	,, ,,	Stella.

Donors of Pamphlets and Books—Con.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	DONATION.
1 v.	Farrar, Lady	Free Trade versus Fair Trade, by Lord Farrar.
1 v.	Hampton, W. (Pub.)	Scholastic Directory for London and Provinces, 1904.
1 v.	Limrick, Dr.	Cicero's Life and Letters.
1 v.	Liverpool University	Calendar for 1905.
9 v.	Macmillan & Co.	Theoretical Geometry for beginners. Part IV., by Allcock.
	,, ,,	New Geometry for Senior Forms, by Barnard and Child.
	,, ,,	Practical Geometry for beginners, by Foster and Dobbs.
	,, ,,	Introduction to the calculus, by Gibson.
	,, ,,	School geometry. Parts I-VI., by Hall and Stevens.
	,, ,,	Elementary course of mathematics, by Hall and Stevens.
	,, ,,	Experimental and practical science, by Hall and Stevens.
	,, ,,	Physiography, by Huxley and Gregory.
	,, ,,	Science of common life, by Simmons and Stenhouse.
4 v.	McQueen, John (Pub.)	Zion's Works, vols. 14, 15, 16, and Catalogue.
1 p.	National Union of Teachers	Report for 1904.
3 v.	Pearson, Miss	Queens of England, ed. by Mary Howitt.
	,, ,,	Girls' Own Paper, vols. 10-11.
1 v.	Religious Tract Society	History of the Gunpowder Plot, by Philip Sidney.
1 v.	Simpson, Councillor Dr.	Fairy-land of science, by A. Buckley.
1 v.	Smith, Elder (Pub.)	Errata of the Dictionary of National Biography.
2 v.	Technical Instruction Committee	Record of Technical and Secondary Education. XI-XII.
1 v.	Union Press, Philadelphia	Inebriety: its source, prevention and cure, by C. P. Palmer.
1 v.	University Correspondence College	London University Guide, 1905.
1 v.	Urban District Council, Waterloo	Proceedings of the Waterloo Urban District Council, 1898-9.
11 v.	Wyatt, Councillor	Punch.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with Seaforth Public Library.

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier.
L'pool Daily Post and Mercury.
Liverpool Echo.
Liverpool Express.
Liverpool Journal of Commerce.
London Daily News.
London Standard.
*London Stock Market Report.
London Times.
Manchester Guardian.

WEEKLY.

Aspirant.
Athenæum.
British Weekly.
Builder.
Building News.
Church Guardian.
Civil Service Competitor.
Civil Service Weekly.
Commercial Intelligence.
Co-operative News.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
Engineering.
English Mechanic.
Field.
Graphic.
Grocer.
Illustrated London News.
India.
Judy.
King.
*Local Government Chronicle.
*Local Government Journal.
*Mona's Herald.
Nature.
Photography.
Punch.
Queen.
Saturday Review.
Speaker.
Spectator.
Sphere.
Tablet.
Truth.
*University Correspondent.
Waterloo and Crosby Herald.
Waterloo Times.

MONTHLY.

Animal Friend.
Bookman.
Bookseller.
Boys' Own Paper.
Cassell's Magazine.
Catholic Fireside.
Chambers' Journal.
Church of England League Gazette.
Contemporary Review.
Cosmopolitan.
Fortnightly Review.
Girls' Own Paper.
Girls' Realm.
Harper's Monthly Magazine.
Household Words.
Independent Review.
Journal of Education.
Ladies' Home Journal.
*New Church Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
Phonetic Journal.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Strand Magazine.
Studio.
*Travellers' Gazette.
*White Ribbon.
Windsor Magazine.
Woman at Home.
Work.
*Young Journalist.
Young Man.
Young Woman.

QUARTERLY.

Hibbert Journal.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw's Guide.
*Caledonian Railway Guide.
*Cambrian Railway Guide.
*Glasgow and South Western Railway Guide.
*Great Central Railway Guide.
*Gt. Northern Railway Guide.
*Gt. Western Railway Guide.
L. & Y. Railway Guide.
*London and North-Western Railway Guide.
*Midland Railway Guide.
*North British Railway Guide.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide.

Those marked * are presented.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1905.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d
Balance from year 1903-1904		21	10	10
From General District Rate, 1904-5		491	0	0
,, Fines	£22 8 0			
,, Readers' Tickets	9 10 0			
,, Catalogues	3 17 8			
,, Papers sold	6 17 5			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	2 4 4			
,, Bespoken Books	0 15 11			
		45	13	4
Total		£558	4	2

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	80	17	1
,, Salaries	135	0	0
,, Establishment Charges, Postages, and Insurance	21	6	5
,, Furniture and Fittings	17	14	0
,, Printing and Stationery	42	10	6
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	52	13	5
,, New Books	86	1	4
,, Bookbinding	49	2	4
,, Lighting and Electrical Repairs	12	10	3
,, Architect's Fees	10	10	0
	£508	5	4
,, Balance in hand at end of year	49	18	10
Total	£558	4	2

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To the Chairman and
Public Library Committee
of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Eighth Annual Report on the work of the Library for the year ending 31st March, 1906.

Issues. The total number of books issued in all departments is 66,857, an increase of 2,787 over the preceding year. A comparative table of issues is appended, from which it will be seen that the issues increase each year and that the percentage of fiction slightly decreases, while the juvenile percentage increases.

Lending Department. 63,834 books have been issued for home reading, as against 60,197 last year, an increase of 3,637 The daily average issue has been 260 and the highest issue in one day 569.

Reference Department. 3,023 books have been consulted in the Reference and Reading Room, against 3,873 last year, showing a decrease of 850 in this department. An analysis of the classification of books issued reveals the fact that the decrease has been in General Works (Magazines, Cyclopædias, etc.) and Juvenile literature, 603 less having been issued in the latter class, while Religion, Philology, Useful Arts and Literature show an increase of issues.

Reading Room. Approximately 64,910 persons have visited the Reading Room, 5,773 more than was recorded for last year and a greater number than in any previous year.

Borrowers. 1,094 borrowers have been enrolled during the year. The total number registered since the opening of the Library is 7,793 ; of these 5,655 have lapsed and 90 withdrawn their membership, leaving a total of 2,048 actual borrowers, an increase of 157 over last year.

Students' Tickets. In order to encourage the reading of books of an educational character the Committee decided, in September last, to issue to all readers who make application, a Student's Ticket, which enables him or her to borrow an extra book out of any class other than Fiction : 95 such tickets have been issued.

Juvenile Department. 11,064 books have been issued in the Juvenile section of the Library, 1,182 more than last year.

Stock. 1,000 volumes having been transferred to the Branch Library the stock now numbers 8,493 volumes. 527 have been added during the year, 44 of which were presented. 313 volumes have been rebound, 1,473 repaired by the staff and 128 have been replaced. At the annual stock-taking 4 books were found to be missing, these were far worn volumes of fiction.

Catalogue. Section four of the new catalogue, viz., Literature, Poetry and the Drama has been published this year. One more section is required to complete the catalogue; this will comprise Philosophy, Religion, Sociology and Philology, it is desirable that these classes should be considerably augmented before printing a new list.

University Extension Lectures. The books recommended for study in the series of University Extension Lectures on "Modern Russia" were procured by the Committee and reserved for the use of students attending the Lectures, this facility was freely used and much appreciated.

National Home Reading Union. Satisfaction has been expressed by numerous readers that the Library has been enrolled as a member of the National Home Reading Union, and now obtains the publications of the Union, viz., lists of best books for various courses of reading and three monthly magazines dealing with the respective courses.

Branch Library. On March 17th, the Seaforth Branch Library was opened to the Public. The house formerly known as "Mayfield," Crescent Road, Seaforth, and purchased by the Council, has been adapted for that purpose, and much appreciation of its cheerful aspect and artistic decoration has been expressed by those frequenting it.

The Reading Rooms have been well supplied with newspapers and periodicals, several having been added at the request of readers.

One thousand volumes have been transferred from the Library at Waterloo to the Branch, and these have been supplemented by the Chairman of the Library Committee, Councillor Dr. Simpson, who has generously presented Sir John Lubbock's Hundred Best Books. In addition to this stock requisitioned books are forwarded from the Central Library twice a week, and at other times if specially requested. Telephonic communication is established between the two Libraries and membership tickets

of Borrowers resident in Seaforth are available for either Library, thus every effort is being made to place the whole of the resources of the Library within reach of every resident of the district.

Having been opened but 13 days prior to the close of the Council year, March 31st, statistics of the Branch are not included in the foregoing report or in the tables of statistics; the following brief summary supplies such information :—

Number of Volumes Issued in the Lending Department	322
Approximate Number of Visitors to the Reading Rooms	1,974
Readers' Tickets Issued for the Lending Library ...	30
Books forwarded from Central to Branch...	30
Number of Days open	13

Library Association Conference.

The Chairman of the Library Committee, Dr. Simpson, and the Librarian attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held at Cambridge in August, 1905. A report of the proceedings was presented to the Committee by Dr. Simpson.

Staff.

Changes have taken place in the staffing arrangements of the Library. In July last, Miss Lydia M. Bartlett resigned her appointment as first assistant, to become first Librarian of the Carnegie Library, Crosby. Miss Doris E. Warner, second assistant, succeeded her as first assistant, and Miss Florence Hatfield, formerly a voluntary assistant, was appointed second assistant. The Committee also decided to appoint two other voluntary assistants, who would qualify for positions on the staff when vacancies should occur. Miss Mary L. Ashton and Miss M. Josephine Hendry were selected from the candidates.

On the opening of the Branch Library Miss Warner was appointed Librarian-in-charge, and the Misses Ashton and Hendry were appointed on the staff. I have pleasure in reporting the willing and efficient service rendered by each member of the staff.

Appended are the usual statistics, list of Donors, etc.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

KATE FEARNSIDE,

LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

Month.	Vols. Issued. Lending.	Vols. Issued for Ref. and Reading Room.	Combined issue Lending and Ref. Departments.	Approximate Number of Visitors.
April, 1905	5,559	352	5,911	5,162
May, ,,	4,657	171	4,828	4,811
June, ,,	4,180	171	4,351	4,358
July, ,,	4,963	207	5,170	5,947
August, ,,	4,167	191	4,358	4,865
September, ,,	4,850	220	5,070	4,969
October, ,,	6,471	355	6,826	6,382
November, ,,	5,260	230	5,490	5,312
December, ,,	5,054	251	5,305	5,291
January, 1906	6,468	423	6,891	5,770
February, ,,	5,523	237	5,760	5,413
March, ,,	6,682	215	6,897	6,630
TOTALS	63,834	3,023	66,857	64,910

TABLE B.

Classification of Books issued for Home Reading, for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

CLASS.	1905 Apl.	May	J'ne	J'ly	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec.	1906 Jan	Feb	Mar.	Total.
General Works	191	122	105	137	123	154	183	141	186	241	193	191	1967
Philosophy	15	15	13	15	7	10	15	11	24	15	21	14	175
Religion	27	19	18	32	8	10	26	23	11	27	19	31	251
Sociology	33	26	25	37	34	35	34	28	38	52	60	45	447
Philology	5	2	1	1	7	10	6	4	5	9	6	13	69
Natural Science	68	75	72	43	35	47	75	68	63	76	80	101	803
Useful Arts	59	43	25	36	40	50	73	58	82	77	88	98	729
Fine Arts	70	58	39	46	50	49	71	77	99	68	54	81	762
Literature	229	194	138	167	149	134	246	226	216	242	233	301	2.475
Juvenile Literature	925	723	566	689	687	823	983	798	783	1039	892	1148	10.056
History, Biography, Travel	254	227	198	237	154	212	349	350	263	321	331	344	3.240
Fiction	3683	3153	2980	3523	2873	3316	4410	3476	3284	4301	3546	4315	42.860
TOTALS	5559	4657	4180	4963	4167	4850	6471	5260	5054	6468	5523	6682	63.834

TABLE C.

Classification of Books issued in the Reading Room and Reference Department. for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

CLASS.	1905. Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1906. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	102	39	56	43	47	40	87	72	49	82	71	45	733
Philosophy	1	0	0	3	5	0	4	0	8	1	1	2	25
Religion	9	11	7	6	10	2	9	4	1	3	2	2	66
Sociology	8	3	6	21	9	7	12	12	7	4	2	5	96
Philology	4	14	20	17	2	21	26	12	3	12	3	12	146
Natural Science	16	6	10	8	4	12	12	8	3	9	7	11	106
Useful Arts	6	8	4	3	14	8	22	15	22	16	9	12	139
Fine Arts	23	13	10	13	8	10	12	6	12	7	8	4	126
Literature	12	11	9	18	8	33	32	9	12	13	3	8	168
Juvenile Literature	139	36	30	41	55	52	88	29	102	244	105	87	1,008
History, Biography, Travel	17	23	18	25	11	26	35	39	16	13	10	20	253
Fiction	15	7	1	9	18	9	16	24	16	19	16	7	157
TOTALS	352	171	171	207	191	220	355	230	251	423	237	215	3,023

TABLE D.

Total Classification of Issues in the Lending and Reference Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.

CLASS.	1905. Apl.	May	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1906. Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total.
General Works	293	161	161	180	170	194	270	213	235	323	264	236	2,700
Philosophy	16	15	13	18	12	10	19	11	32	16	22	16	200
Religion	36	30	25	38	18	12	35	27	12	30	21	33	317
Sociology	41	29	31	58	43	42	46	40	45	56	62	50	543
Philology	9	16	21	18	9	31	32	16	8	21	9	25	215
Natural Science	84	81	82	51	39	59	87	76	66	85	87	112	909
Useful Arts	65	51	29	39	54	58	95	73	104	93	97	110	868
Fine Arts	93	71	49	59	58	59	83	83	111	75	62	85	888
Literature	241	205	147	185	157	167	278	235	228	255	236	309	2,643
Juvenile Literature	1,064	759	596	730	742	875	1,071	827	885	1,283	997	1,235	11,064
History, Biography, Travel	271	250	216	262	165	238	384	389	279	334	341	364	3,493
Fiction	3,698	3,160	2,981	3,532	2,891	3,325	4,426	3,500	3,300	4,320	3,562	4,322	43,017
TOTALS	5,911	4,828	4,351	5,170	4,358	5,070	6,826	5,490	5,305	6,891	5,760	6,897	66,857

COMPARATIVE TABLE [E].

Shewing Number of Issues each Year, and the Total since the Opening of the Library.

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Fine Arts	406	397	486	875	766	685	682	888	5,185
Literature	690	1,496	1,474	1,646	1,779	2,448	2,576	2,643	14,752
Juvenile Literature	2,071	7,056	7,347	7,842	7,462	8,841	9,882	11,064	61,565
History, Biography, Travel	2,059	4,318	3,567	3,833	3,183	3,188	3,442	3,493	27,083
Fiction	13,334	35,182	36,659	43,193	38,866	39,641	41,684	43,017	291,576
TOTALS	21,119	52,184	52,988	61,397	57,350	59,929	64,070	66,857	435,894
Daily Average		164	173	201	195	197	208	217	
Percentage of Fiction		67·4	69	70·3	67.7	66·1	65	64·3	
Percentage of Juvenile Literature.		13·5	13·8	12·7	13	14·7	15·4	16·5	

* Lending Department six months only.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Volumes in stock :—		
Central	8,493	
Branch	1,100	
		9,593
,, presented		178
,, re-placed		128
,, bound		359
,, repaired by staff		1,473
Total number of Issues :—		
Central	66,857	
Branch	322	
		67,179
Average daily Issue		217
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force		2,078
,, ,, enrolled during the year		1,124
,, Students' Tickets in force		95
Overdue books written for		849
Number of books bespoken		306
Book lost and paid for by Borrower		1
Books missing		4
Number of days open—Central		307
,, ,, Branch		13
Largest issue in one day		569

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries :—Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Battersea, Bebington (Mayer Free Library), Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Chorley, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Fulham, Gloucester, Hanley, Holyhead, Hove, Kettering, Kilburn, Liverpool, Lyceum Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York ; Preston. Runcorn, St. Helens, Shoreditch, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Wandsworth, Westminster, Whitehaven, Widnes, Wigan, Great Yarmouth.

CATALOGUES, HAND-LISTS and LIBRARY JOURNALS from American Library Association Catalogue, Brighton, Bootle, Manchester, Runcorn.

DONORS OF PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS.

No. of Vols	DONOR.	DONATION.
1 v.	Amalgamated Press, Ltd.	Daily Mail Year Book for 1906.
1 v.	Browne, T. B. (Publisher)	The Advertiser's A. B. C.
1 p.	British College of Physical Education	Handbook for 1905-6.
1 v.	Carson, J. G.	Man's Responsibility, by T. C. Carson.
1 p.	Edwards, J. Passmore	A Few Footprints.
23 v.	Limrick, Dr.	Mrs. Ellis's Morning Call. 4 v.
	..	Slaves of the Ring, by F. W. Robinson.
	..	Into the Haven, by Annie Swan.
	..	Olive, by Mrs. Craik.
	..	Beulah, by A. E. Wilson.
	..	Vashti, by A. E. Wilson.
	..	Leighton Court, by H. Kingsley.
	..	A Dream of Millions, by Miss Bentham Edwards.
	..	Temple Bar. 5 v.
	..	Histoire d'un sous-maitre, by Erckmann and Chatrian.
	..	Oxford and Cambridge Grammar.
	..	Otto's German Conversation Grammar.
	..	My Novel, by Lord Lytton. 2 v.
	..	Pilgrims of the Rhine, by Lord Lytton.
	..	Fairchild Family, by Mrs. Sherwood.
1 v.	Liverpool Public Library Committee	Liverpool Public Libraries; a History of fifty years, by Peter Cowell (Librarian).
1 v.	Liverpool University	Calendar for 1906.
4 v.	Macmillan & Co., Publishers	Electricity and Magnetism for Students, by H. E. Hadley.
	,, ,,	Easy Graphics, by H. S. Hall.
	,, ..	Practical Exercises in Chemistry, by Donnington.
	,, ,,	Shilling Arithmetic, by Loney and Greville.
1 v.	Mather & Crowther (Publishers)	Practical Advertising for 1905-6.
1 p.	National Union of Teachers	Report for 1905.
1 p.	Sherratt & Hughes (Publishers)	Reply to the Report of the Tariff Commission on the Cotton Industry.
1 v.	Swan, Sonnenschein (Publishers)	Essays on Robert Browning, by Marion Little.
7 v.	Swedenborgian Society	Life and Mission of E. Swedenborg.
	,, ,,	Foundation Truths of the Christian Religion.
	,, ,,	The Infinite.
	,, ,,	God, Providence, Creation.
	,, ,,	Root Principles.
	,, ,,	Episodes in the Life of an Isolated Receiver.

Donors of Pamphlets and Books Con.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	DONATION.
1 v.	Thompson, W. P. (Publishers)	Patent Law of all Countries.
1 v.	University Tutorial Press	London University Guide and Correspondence College Calendar for 1906.
1 v.	Waterloo Urban District Council General Purposes Committee (per Surveyor)	Electric Railways and Tramways, by Dawson.
1 v.	Watson, Dr. R. S.	History of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1793-1896.
1 v.	Whitworth, Thos.	Obliterating Post Marks.
1 v.	Young, Miss	Chambers' Twentieth Century Dictionary.

FOR SEAFORTH BRANCH LIBRARY.

No. of Vols.		
103 v.	Simpson, Councillor Dr. (Chairman of the Library Committee)	Sir John Lubbock's Hundred Best Books.
	,, ,,	The Gentle Life
	,, ,,	Electricity and magnetism, by C. H. Biggs
	,, ,,	This World of ours, by Arnold Forster (2 copies)
	,, ,,	Plea for a simpler life, by G. S. Keith.
	,, ,,	Honour towards God, by John Kelman.
	,, ,,	Social evolution, by Benj. Kidd.
	,, ,,	With Kitchener to Khartum.
	,, ,,	John Stuart Blackie, by A. M. Stoddart.
	,, ,,	Proverbial Philosophy, by Martin Tupper.
	,, ,,	My religion, by Leo Tolstoi.
	,, ,,	The Indian Trail, by Egerton Young.
	,, ,,	French Pronouncing Dictionary.
18 v.	Stephens, W. S.	Sunday at Home, (10 vols.)
	,, ,,	Home Influence, by Grace Aguilar.
	,, ,,	Little Dorrit, by Chas. Dickens.
	,, ,,	Study in Scarlet, by Conan Doyle.
	,, ,,	Dunvarlich, by David Macrae.
	,, ,,	Clement Dunraven, by Jean Middlemass.
	,, ,,	Daughter of Patricians, by W. E. Smith.
	,, ,,	Kingswood, by E. Thompson.
	,, ,,	Strength of the Hills, by F. Wilkinson.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Libraries.

*(S indicates Seaforth; W, Waterloo; and * presented.)*

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier	S.W.
L'pool Daily Post & Mercury	S.W.
Liverpool Echo	S.W.
Liverpool Express	S.W.
L'pool Journal of Commerce	S.W.
London Daily News ...	S.W.
London Daily Telegraph ...	S.
London Standard	W.
*London Stock Market Report	W.
London Times	S.W.
Manchester Guardian ...	W.

WEEKLY.

*Aspirant	W.
Athenæum	W.
British Weekly	W.
Builder...	W.
Building News	W.
Cassell's Saturday Journal ...	S.
Chums	S.
Church Guardian	W.
*Civil Service Competitor ...	W.
*Civil Service Weekly	W.
Commercial Intelligence ...	W.
*Co-operative News	W.
Country Life	S.
Electrical Review	W.
Engineer	W.
Engineering	W.
English Mechanic	S.W.
Field	W.
Graphic	S.W.
Great Thoughts	S.
Grocer	W.
Illustrated London News ...	W.
Judy	W.
Labour News	S.
Ladies' Pictorial	S.
The Lady	S.
*Local Government Chronicle	W.
*Local Government Journal	W.
M.A.P.	S.
*Mona's Herald	W.
Nature	W.
Photography	W.
*Present Truth	S.W.
Punch	S.W.
Queen	S.W.
Saturday Review	W.
Schoolmaster	W.
Speaker	W.
Spectator	W.
Sphere	S.W.
T.P.'s Weekly	S.
Tablet	W.
Truth	S.W.
*University Correspondent ...	W.
Waterloo-and-Crosby Herald	S.W.
Waterloo Times	S.W.

MONTHLY.

*Animal Friend ... ... W.
Bookman ... ... W
Bookseller ... ... W.
Boys' Own Paper ... ... W.
*British Esperantist ... ... W.
Cassell's Magazine ... ... S.W.
*Catholic Fireside ... ... W.
Chambers' Journal ... ... W.
*Church of England League Gazette ... ... W.
Contemporary Review ... W.
Cosmopolitan ... ... W.
Fortnightly Review ... ... W.
*Garden City ... ... S.W.
Girls' Own Paper ... ... S.W.
Girls' Realm ... ... W.
*Good Health ... ... S.W.
Harpers' Monthly Magazine... W.
Independent Review ... W.
Journal of Education... ... W.
Ladies' Home Journal ... W.
Ladies' Realm... ... ... S.
Mercantile Marine Service Association Reporter ... W.
National Home Reading Union—
General Course Magazine W.
Special Course Magazine... W
Young People's Magazine W.
*New Church Magazine ... W.
Nineteenth Century ... W.
Pearson's Magazine ... S.
Phonetic Journal ... ... W.
Quiver ... ... S.
Rapid Review ... ... S.
Review of Reviews .. ... S.W.
St. Nicholas ... ... W.
School ... ... W.
Strand Magazine ... ... S.W.
Studio ... ... W.
*Travellers' Gazette ... ... W.
*White Ribbon ... ... W.
Wide World Magazine ... S.
Windsor Magazine ... ... W.
Woman at Home ... ... S.W.
Work ... ... W.
World and His Wife ... S.
Young Man ... ... S.W.
Young Woman ... ... S.W.

QUARTERLY.

Hibbert Journal ... ... W.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Benson's Liverpool Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
Bradshaw's General Railway and Steam Navigation Guide ... ... W.
Bradshaw's Liverpool Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Caledonian Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Cambrian Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Glasgow and South Western Railway Guide ... ... W.
*Great Central Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Great Northern Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Great Western Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*London and North Western Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Midland Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*North British Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide ... ... W.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1906.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d
Balance from year 1904-1905		49	18	10
From General District Rate, 1905-6		504	0	0
,, Fines	£22 15 5			
,, Readers' Tickets	11 5 8			
,, Sale of Catalogues	5 9 5			
,, ,, Papers	5 13 8			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0 7 11			
,, Bespoken Books	0 18 8			
		46	10	9
Total		£600	9	7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loans	80	12	3
,, Salaries	135	0	0
,, Establishment Charges, Postages, and Insurance	13	14	11
,, Furniture and Fittings	4	1	3
,, Printing and Stationery	47	3	0
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	51	13	8
,, New Books	131	17	10
,, Bookbinding	28	9	9
,, Lighting and Electrical Repairs	13	18	11
,, Alterations at Seaforth Branch	22	4	3
	£528	15	10
,, Balance in hand at end of year	71	13	9
Total	£600	9	7

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NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Libraries.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1906-7.

Chairman:

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,, ESHELBY.	,, RAWLINS, J.P.
,, GREGSON.	,, DR. GERMAN.
,, BEZANT.	,, BLUNDELL.

COUNCILLOR COOKSON, J.P., C.C.

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KATE FEARNSIDE.

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JOHN I. THOMPSON.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Public Library Committee
of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the work of the Public Libraries for the year ending 31st March, 1907.

Issues. The total number of books issued in all departments has been 79,143. 2,791 were issued from the Reference Department, 60,326 from the Central Lending Department, and 16,026 from the Seaforth Branch Library. It will be seen from the comparative table of issues that the percentage of fiction has again somewhat decreased, and that with one exception, viz., "Literature," each of the non-fiction classes show an increase of issues.

Lending Departments. In the Central Lending Department the issues have decreased by 3,508; this is probably entirely due to the opening of the Seaforth Branch, a number of borrowers having transferred their membership tickets to that Library. 16,026 books having been issued at the Branch, the total issues for home reading number 76,352, an increase of 9,495 over the preceding year.

Reference Department. 2,791 books have been consulted in the Reference Department, against 3,023 last year, showing a decrease of 232.

Reading Rooms. The approximate attendances in the Reading Rooms have been:—Central, 64,013; Branch, 41,552; making an estimated total of 105,565 visits paid to the Reading Rooms during the year. At the November meeting of the Library Committee Dr. German suggested that for a period of three months trial should be made of a bi-monthly exchange of monthly periodicals between the Central and Branch Libraries; the suggestion was put into operation in December and the scheme has been found to work satisfactorily.

Borrowers. 935 borrowers have been enrolled during the year at the Central Library and 378 at the Seaforth Branch. The actual number of borrowers is 2,346, of which 1,946 are

enrolled at the Central (102 less than the preceding year) and 400 at the Branch Library. 60 students' tickets have been issued, making a total of 150 non-fiction tickets in force.

Teachers under the local Education Authority who are not resident in the district have been granted permission to become members of the Library.

Juvenile Department.

15,310 books have been issued in this department. The juvenile members number 542, 405 being enrolled at the Central Library and 137 at the Branch. During the year sanction has been given to certificated teachers in the elementary schools to sign guarantee forms in conjunction with the parents, and this has to some small extent increased the juvenile membership.

The Librarian has had several conferences with the Director of Education concerning the formation of a scheme for connecting the children of the elementary schools more closely with the Public Libraries, and has also conferred with the head teachers of the various schools in the district with the view of eventually carrying this into effect. In the meantime it is interesting to note that of the 542 juvenile members of the Library about 150 are estimated to be children attending the elementary schools, and some 500 more might be induced under a systematised scheme to become members.

Stock.

The stock now numbers 10,360 volumes. 732 volumes have been added during the year, 666 by purchase and 66 by donation. 339 volumes have been re-bound and 1,253 minor repairs executed by the staff. The wear-and-tear on the fictional section of the Library is very heavy and it will be necessary during the coming year to expend a larger sum than hitherto in replacing some of the popular novels.

At the annual stocktaking three volumes were found to be missing.

University Extension Lectures.

Some of the books recommended for study in the series of University Extension Lectures on "Florentine Art" were procured by the Committee, and every effort was made by the staff to make the limited supply meet the needs of the

students attending the Lectures. A list of available books bearing on the subject, together with the books that happened to be "in," were exhibited in the room at each Lecture.

Library Association Conference.

The Chairman of the Library Committee, Dr. Simpson, and the Librarian attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held at Bradford in September, 1906. A report of the proceedings was presented to the Committee by Dr. Simpson.

Staff.

Miss Mary L. Ashton and Miss Josephine M. Hendry attended a Summer School for Library Assistants, held at Liverpool in June, 1906, and sent in a report of the Lectures, this being required by the Lecturers in lieu of an examination.

In June last Miss Edith Voce was appointed a voluntary assistant in the Library. I have pleasure in commending the work of each member of the staff.

Retrospective and Prospective.

This, the Ninth Report of the Library, will probably be the last to be issued from the present building. A perusal of these nine reports shows a steady advance each year, but we look forward to greater opportunities and larger scope when the Library shall be housed in the more commodious and convenient Carnegie Library now in course of erection. When we have a separate children's department it will tend to an increase in numbers and better facilities for catering for them: when a separate room is provided for students we may look for an increased, instead of a decreased, use of the Reference Department. The opportunity is now presenting itself of making the Library still more successful both as an educational and recreative agency in the district, and in endeavouring to accomplish this your Librarian looks forward with pleasure to receiving your assistance and confidence, and thanks you for the help and consideration you have shown her during the past.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
KATE FEARNSIDE,
LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in the Reference, Lending, and Seaforth Branch Lending Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1907.

Month.	Reference.	Lending.	Seaforth Branch.	Total Issues in all Departments.
April, 1906	204	4,850	820	5,874
May, ,,	166	4,798	956	5,920
June, ,,	105	4,284	876	5,265
July, ,,	227	5,193	1,173	6,593
August, ,,	238	4,033	1,040	5,311
September, ,,	158	4,463	1,174	5,795
October, ,,	283	6,152	1,524	7,959
November, ,,	360	5,110	1,439	6,909
December, ,,	308	5,635	1,808	7,751
January, 1907	286	4,885	1,547	6,718
February, ,,	240	4,981	1,673	6,894
March, ,,	216	5,942	1,996	8,154
TOTALS	2,791	60,326	16,026	79,143

TABLE B.

Classification of Books Issued in the various Departments for the Year ending 31st March, 1907.

Class.	Reference.	Lending.	Seaforth Branch.	Totals.
General Works	768	1,988	340	3,096
Philosophy	26	239	7	272
Religion	69	364	38	471
Sociology	51	549	78	678
Philology	90	107	24	221
Natural Science	90	957	153	1,200
Useful Arts	121	686	107	914
Fine Arts	76	839	30	945
Literature	139	2,191	270	2,600
Juvenile Literature	989	9,777	4,544	15,310
History, Biography and Travel	214	3,406	569	4,189
Fiction	158	39,223	9,866	49,247
Totals	2,791	60,326	16,026	79,143

TABLE C.

Details of the Number of Volumes in each Class, with the Issues from each Class.

	Number of Volumes Issued.	Number of Volumes in Stock.
General Works	3,096	2,256
Philosophy	272	121
Religion	471	325
Sociology	678	335
Philology	221	70
Natural Science	1,200	420
Useful Arts	914	283
Fine Arts	945	285
Literature, Poetry and the Drama	2,600	707
History, Biography and Travel	4,189	1,954
Fiction (including Juvenile)	64,557	3,604
TOTALS	79,143	10,360

COMPARATIVE TABLE D.

Shewing Number of Issues each Year, and the Total since the Opening of the Library.

Class.	1898-9.*	1899-1900.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7. Central.	1906-7. Branch	Total.
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Juvenile Literature	2,071	7,056	7,347	7,842	7,462	8,841	9,882	11,064	10,766	4,544	76,875
History, Biography, Travel	2,059	4,318	3,567	3,833	3,183	3,188	3,442	3,493	3,620	569	31,272
Fiction	13,334	35,182	36,659	43,193	38,866	39,641	41,684	43,017	39,381	9,866	340,823
TOTALS	21,119	52,184	52,988	61,397	57,350	59,929	64,070	66,857	63,117	16,026	515,037
									79,143		
									Central.	Branch	
Daily Average		164	173	201	195	197	208	217	206	52	
Percentage of Fiction		67·4	69	70·3	67·7	66·1	65	64·3	62·3	61·5	
Percentage of Juvenile Literature		13·5	13·8	12·7	13	14·7	15·4	16·5	17	28·3	

* Lending Department six months only.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of Volumes in stock		10,360
,, ,, presented		68
,, ,, replaced		3
,, ,, re-bound		339
,, ,, repaired by staff		1,253
Total number of Issues :—		
Central Lending	60,326	
Reference	2,791	
Branch Lending	16,026	
		79,143
Average daily Issues :—		
Central Lending		197
Reference		9
Branch Lending		52
Number of days open :—		
Central		306
Branch		306
Largest issue for home reading in one day :—		
Central (on Nov. 10th)		598
Branch (on Feb. 9th)		135
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force :—		
Central	1,946	
Branch	400	
		2,346
Number of Borrowers enrolled during the year :—		
Central	935	
Branch	378	
		1,313
Number of Students' Tickets in force		150
,, ,, enrolled during the year		60
Overdue books written for :—		
Central	859	
Branch	124	
		983
Number of books bespoken by Borrowers :—		
Central	267	
Branch	24	
		291
Books lost and paid for by Borrowers and Guarantors		8
Books missing		3

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries :—Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Battersea, Birkdale, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Chorley, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Fulham, Gloucester, Great Crosby, Hanley, Hove, Kettering, Kilburn, Kimberley, S.A., Liverpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Plymouth, Preston, Runcorn, Shoreditch, St. Helens, Stockport, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Wandsworth, Warrington, Westminster, Whitehaven, Widnes, Wigan.

CATALOGUES, HAND-LISTS and LIBRARY JOURNALS from Bootle, Brighouse, Brighton, Kirkcaldy, Liverpool Library (Lyceum), Manchester.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	DONATION.
1 p.	The Agent-General for the Australian States	Australia of To-day.
45 p.	Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Virginia	Hampton Leaflets (eighteen).
	,, ,,	Nature Study leaflets (twenty-seven).
1 v.	J. J. Alldridge, Esq., (Author)	The Sherbro and its Hinterland.
1 p.	Board of Agriculture and Fisheries	Annual Report for 1906.
1 v.	J. G. Bridge, Esq. (Author)	Inside History of the Carnegie Steel Company.
1 p.	British College of Physical Education	Handbook for 1906-7.
1 v.	City and Counties Publishing Co.	Imperial Commercial Directory.
1 v.	H. B. Collis (President of the Chamber of Commerce, Canterbury)	The Ancient City of Canterbury, by F. W. Farrar and others.
1 v.	Master John C. Cox	Andersen's Fairy Tales.
2 p.	Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.	A Course in Nature Study, for use in Schools.
	,, ,,	A Summer's work Abroad in School, Home and Playground, etc.
1 p.	First Garden Cities, Ltd., (per Secretary)	Guide to Garden City.
2 v.	M. A. Fraser, Esq. (Government Statistician, Perth)	Western Australian Year Book, 1900-3.
	,, ,,	Western Australian Year Book, 1902-4.
1 v.	Trustees of Mrs. Honyman Gillespie	The Argument à priori for the Being and Attributes of the Lord God, by W. H. Gillespie.
1 p.	The Labour Co-Partnership Association	Twenty Years of Co-Partnership at Guise.
1 v.	Dr. W. S. Limrick	The Gold Wolf, by Max Pemberton.
1 v.	Liverpool University	Calendar for 1907.
3 v.	Macmillan & Co. (Publishers)	Theoretical and Practical Mechanics and Physics, by A. H. Mackenzie.
	,, ,,	Trigonometry for Beginners, by J. B. Lock and J. M. Child.
	,, ,,	School Geometry parts 1-2, by H. S. Hall, and F. H. Stevens.
1 v.	Mather and Crowther (Publishers)	Practical Advertising for 1906-7.
14 v.	Mrs. May (for the late Councillor Howarth)	Cassell's Illustrated History of England. 4 v.
	,, ,,	An Epitome of Alison's History of Europe.
	,, ,,	London Society, for 1883.
	,, ,,	Proceedings of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Urban District Council. 6 vols.
	,, ,,	Scribner's Magazine. 2 vols.

Donors of Books and Pamphlets—Con.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	DONATION.
1 p.	National Union of Teachers	Report for 1906.
1 v.	The Orient Royal Mail Line	The Orient Pacific Line Guide.
7 v.	J. R. Omerod, Esq.	Andersen's Fairy Tales.
	,,	Cottage Gardening.
	,,	Creel of Irish Stories, by Jane Barlow.
	,,	Notre Dame, by Victor Hugo.
	,,	Stark Munro, letters by Conan Doyle.
	,,	Stories by Great Writers.
	,,	An Ugly Duckling, by H. Erroll.
1 v.	E. A. Pratt, Esq. (Author)	Licensing and Temperance in Sweden, Norway and Denmark.
1 v.	The Royal Commission for the St. Louis Exhibition	Report of the St. Louis Exhibition, 1904.
10 v.	Dr. Simpson (Chairman of the Library Committee)	America, a history, by S. R. McKenzie.
	,, ,,	Annals of Aughton, Nr. Ormskirk, by G. C. Newstead.
	,, ,,	Dod's Peerage for 1901.
	,, ,,	Early Papers and some Memories, by H. Morley.
	,, ,,	Everybody's Guide to the Education Act, 1902.
	,, ,,	Faerie Queene, by Spenser. 2 v.
	,, ,,	In the name of the Bodleian and other Essays, by A. Birrell.
	,, ,,	On sanitary and other matters, by G. S. Keith.
	,, ,,	Paul Faber, by George Macdonald.
1 v.	University Tutorial Press	London University Guide and Correspondence Calendar for 1907.
16 v.	G. G. Weiss, Esq.	Plain Tales from the Hills, by R. Kipling.
	,,	Political Economy, by J. S. Mills.
	,,	Representative Government, by J. S. Mill.
	,,	Schiller's Works. 12 v.
	,,	Wealth of Nations, by A. Smith.
7 v.	Thos. Whitworth, Esq.	Cassell's History of the War between France and Germany. 2 vols.
	,,	Gil Blas, by T. Lesage.
	,,	Payne's Universum or Pictorial World. 3 vols.
	,,	Southey's Poems.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Libraries.

*(S indicates Seaforth; W, Waterloo; and * presented.)*

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier	S.W.
L'pool Daily Post & Mercury	S.W.
Liverpool Echo	S.W.
Liverpool Express	S.W.
L'pool Journal of Commerce	S.W.
London Daily News	S.W.
London Daily Telegraph ...	S.
London Standard	W.
*London Stock Market Report	S.W.
London Times	S.W.
London Tribune	W.
Manchester Guardian ...	W.

WEEKLY.

*Aspirant	W.
Athenæum	W.
British Weekly	W.
Builder...	W.
Building News	W.
Cassell's Saturday Journal ...	S.
Chums	S.
Church Guardian	W.
*Certificate Examiner ...	W.
*Civil Service Weekly	W.
Commercial Intelligence ...	W.
*Co-operative News	W.
Country Life	S.
Electrical Review	S.W.
Engineer	W.
Engineering	W.
English Churchman	S.
English Mechanic	S.W.
Field	W.
Graphic	S.W.
Great Thoughts	S.
Grocer	W.
Illustrated London News ...	W.
Labour News	S.
Ladies' Pictorial	S.
The Lady	S.
*Local Government Chronicle	W.
*Local Government Journal	W.
M.A.P.	S.
*Mona's Herald	W.
Nation	W.
Nature	W.
Photography	W.
*Present Truth	S.W.
Punch	S.W.
Queen	S.W.
Saturday Review	W.
Schoolmaster	W.
Spectator	W.
Sphere	S.W.
T.P.'s Weekly	S.
Tablet	W.
Truth	S.W.
*University Correspondent ...	W.
Waterloo-and-Crosby Herald	S.W.
Waterloo Times	S.W.

MONTHLY.

Albany Review ... ... W.
*Animal Friend ... ... W.
Board of Trade Labour Gazette S.W.
Bookman ... ... W.
Bookseller ... ... W.
Boys' Own Paper ... ... W.
*British Esperantist ... ... W.
*Canada ... ... S.W.
Cassell's Magazine ... ... S.W.
*Catholic Fireside ... ... W.
Chambers' Journal ... ... W.
*Church of England League Gazette ... ... W.
Contemporary Review ... W.
Cosmopolitan ... ... W.
Fortnightly Review ... ... W.
*Garden City ... ... S.W.
Girls' Own Paper ... ... S.W.
Girls' Realm ... ... W.
*Good Health ... ... S.W.
Harpers' Monthly Magazine... W.
Journal of Education... ... W.
Ladies' Home Journal ... W.
Ladies' Realm... ... ... S.
Mercantile Marine Service Association Reporter ... W.
National Home Reading Union—General Course Magazine W.
National Home Reading Union—Special Course Magazine... W.
Young People's Magazine W.
*New Church Magazine ... W.
Nineteenth Century ... W.
Pearson's Magazine ... S.
Phonetic Journal ... ... W.
*P.S.A. Leader ... ... S.W.
Quiver ... ... S.
Rapid Review ... ... S.
Review of Reviews ... ... S.W.
St. Nicholas ... ... W.
School ... ... W.
Southern Field ... ... S.W.
State Correspondent ... W.
Strand Magazine ... ... S.W.
Studio ... ... W.
*Travellers' Gazette ... ... S.W.
*Vaccination Enquirer ... W.
*White Ribbon ... ... S.W.
Wide World Magazine ... S.
Windsor Magazine ... ... W.
Woodworker and Art Metal Worker ... ... W.
Woman at Home ... ... S.W.
Work ... ... W.
World and His Wife ... S.
Young Man ... ... S.W.
Young Woman ... ... S.W.

QUARTERLY.

Hibbert Journal ... ... W.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Benson's Liverpool Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
Bradshaw's General Railway and Steam Navigation Guide ... ... W.
*Caledonian Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Cambrian Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Glasgow and South Western Railway Guide ... ... W.
*Great Central Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Great Northern Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Great Western Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*London and North Western Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Midland Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*North British Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide ... ... W.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1907.

INCOME.

				£	s.	d
Balance from year 1905-1906				71	13	9
From General District Rate, 1906-7				505	0	0
,, Fines	£28	8	5			
,, Readers' Tickets	11	11	4			
,, Sale of Catalogues	5	2	5			
,, ,, Papers	11	6	2			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0	18	1			
,, Bespoken Books	0	18	7			
				58	5	0
Total				£634	18	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loans	98	16	3
,, Salaries	185	0	0
,, Wages of Caretaker of Seaforth Branch	13	10	0
,, Establishment Charges and Postages	28	10	6
,, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	3	15	6
,, Electric Light and Repairs	15	0	6
,, Heating and Lighting of Seaforth Branch	10	14	11
,, Furniture and Fittings	28	0	6
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	77	8	8
,, New Books	90	16	1
,, Bookbinding	29	5	10
,, Printing and Stationery	33	1	1
	£613	19	10
,, Balance in hand at end of year	20	18	11
Total	£634	18	9

MEMORANDA.

Population of Waterloo-with-Seaforth 1904, 25,863.

Public Libraries Acts adopted September, 1892.

First Librarian appointed November, 1897.

Reading Room opened 17th January, 1898.

Lending Library opened 24th October, 1898.

Library Catalogue published October, 1899.

Class List of History, Biography and Travel published September, 1902.

Second Librarian appointed December, 1902.

Catalogue of Fiction and Juvenile Literature published January, 1904.

Class List of Natural Science, Useful Arts and Fine and Recreative Arts published March, 1905.

Class List of Literature, Poetry and the Drama published December, 1905.

Seaforth Branch Library opened March 17th, 1906.

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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1908.

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Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Libraries.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1907-8.

Chairman:

DR. THOMAS SIMPSON.

The Chairman of the Council:

WHITFIELD DURRANS, ESQ., J.P. (*ex-officio*).

COUNCILLOR	KILLEY, J.P.	COUNCILLOR	ELLIS.
,,	ESHELBY.	,,	RAWLINS, J.P.
,,	GREGSON.	,,	DR. GERMAN.
,,	BEZANT.	,,	BLUNDELL.
,,	COOKSON, J.P., C.C.	,,	BLACKWELL.

Librarian:

KATE FEARNSIDE.

Senior Assistants:

EVELYN D. WARNER. | FLORENCE HATFIELD.

Junior Assistants:

MARY L. ASHTON. | M. JOSEPHINE HENDRY.
EDITH M. VOCE.

Clerk to the Council:

JOHN I. THOMPSON.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Public Library Committee
of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the work of the Public Libraries for the year ending 31st March, 1908.

New Carnegie Library.

It is not possible to proceed with details of the work in this the tenth and most eventful year of the existence of the Library without first referring to the important fact that on February 6th Lord Stanley formally opened the new building, the generous gift of Dr. Andrew Carnegie. We have every reason to be proud of our comfortable, commodious, and most artistic Library, and the event will linger in the memory of those most intimately concerned as marking the realisation of their efforts and desires carried out with keen interest and unflagging energy through many weeks and months.

Removal and Stocktaking.

In order to effect the transit from the Library room in the Town Hall to the new building the Central Lending Library was closed from January 11th to February 7th; the removal was satisfactorily accomplished and at the subsequent stock-taking only one book, value sixpence, was found to be missing. Simultaneously stock was taken, without closing, at Seaforth, when three volumes, value five shillings, were missing. This out of a total issue of 72,756 volumes may be deemed extremely satisfactory.

Stock.

The total number of volumes in stock is 10,657. 297 volumes have been added during the year, 143 by purchase, 126 by donation, and 28 periodicals were bound. 48 volumes have been replaced and 299 rebound.

Issues.

The total number of books issued in all departments has been 72,756, as against 79,143 last year, a decrease of 6,387. In the Central Lending Department the issues amount to 50,693, as against 60,326 last year; in the Reference Departmen 2,412, against 2,791; and in the Seaforth Branch Lending Department 19,651, against 16,026.

The decrease in the Central Lending and Reference is partly accounted for by the fact that these Departments were closed for twenty-three days during the removal. But the daily average, which is a better criterion of comparison than total issues, shows a decrease in the Central Lending Department of 20, and in the Reference of 1 per day. The supply of new books has been very limited; it has only been possible to add 32 new works of fiction this year, and a glance at the comparative table of issues reveals the fact that 8,227 fewer novels have been issued and that while fiction has decreased other classes have increased.

Reading Rooms.

The approximate attendances in the Reading Rooms have been :—Central, 72,248 ; Branch, 39,567 ; making an estimated total of 111,815 visits paid to the Reading Rooms during the year—6,250 more than was estimated last year.

Borrowers.

1,219 borrowers have been enrolled during the year at the Central Library, and 324 at the Seaforth Branch. The actual number of borrowers is now 2,358 ; 1,810 (of which 371 are juvenile) are enrolled at the Central Library, and 548 (of which 87 are juvenile) are enrolled at the Branch.

157 students', or non-fiction, tickets have been issued, making a total of 213 tickets in force. The attempt to popularise these tickets by substituting a simple form of application in lieu of one requiring to be signed by a guarantor is proving a success, 85 tickets having been issued during the two months that have elapsed since this innovation.

Juvenile Department.

In November last full details regarding the working of the Juvenile Department were carefully considered, and the scheme of organisation which I had the privilege of suggesting to you was authorised to be carried out when the new Library was opened. The new regulations to be specially noted are :—that children must possess a ticket of membership before they are entitled to use the Juvenile Reading Room ; that no charge is made for tickets ; that applicants for tickets must bring a guarantee against loss or damage from a parent or guardian, and a recommendation as to their fitness for membership from the head teacher of the school they attend ; that one table in their Reading Room is reserved for a "Study Table" where home lessons may be

prepared; and that a small collection of suitable reference books shall be provided to which, by permission of the Librarian, free access shall be given.

These regulations have now been in force two months, with the exception of the last one. It is too soon to quote statistics as evidence of the success of the scheme, but the prospect that it will carry out the intention of the Committee to train the children to a right use and fair conception of the value of a Public Library is certainly encouraging. At the same time their restriction to a region of their own, unless accompanied by a responsible person, is greatly appreciated by adult readers.

Thanks are due to the Director of Education and to the teachers of both public and private schools for their interest and co-operation in the working of the Juvenile Department.

Books for Students.

The Committee have received and granted the following applications for additional books: From the secretaries of the University Extension Lectures, books on "English Painters" for the use of students attending Mr. J. E. Phythian's lectures on that subject; from the secretary of a local National Home Reading Circle, books on "Old Greek Life;" and from the Art Master in the Technical Schools, books on "Plant Form and Design." Special facilities have been given in each case to the students requiring these books.

Borrowed Books.

In May of last year the Committee approved of the suggestion that the Library should borrow a certain number of books from a Subscription Library. This attempt to meet the requirements of our readers has been abundantly justified, for it has placed within our reach many expensive new books which would otherwise have been quite beyond our resources.

Catalogue.

The preparation of the fifth section of the catalogue, comprising General Works, Philosophy, Religion, Sociology and Philology occupied the earlier months of the period covered by this report. With the publication of this section the second edition of the catalogue was completed. A comprehensive manuscript Author Index has been compiled for the Catalogue table in the Lending Department, and a temporary Subject Index on cards will shortly be revised and brought up to date.

With these and the card catalogue of "Additions" it is possible to catalogue the contents of the Library exhaustively and keep it absolutely up to date.

Topical Lists. Lists of books on "Fielding," "Clive," "Ireland," "Morocco," "Local History," and "Meredith" have been compiled and exhibited in the Reading Room. It is now proposed to develop this method of introducing books to our readers by the provision of an "Events Indicator." The position of any event of international interest will be located on a map of the World provided for the purpose and a list of books relative will be appended.

Library Association Conference. The Chairman of the Library Committee, Dr. Simpson, and the Librarian attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Glasgow in September, 1907. A report of the proceedings was presented to the Committee by Dr. Simpson.

Staff. Miss Warner, hitherto Librarian-in-Charge at Seaforth was transferred to Waterloo to be first Assistant there when the new Library was opened. Miss Hatfield then became Librarian-in-Charge at Seaforth, and Miss Hendry was transferred from Waterloo to Seaforth. Miss Voce, who had been a voluntary assistant since June, 1906, was appointed junior assistant, and Miss Amy Armstrong was selected from twelve candidates as a voluntary assistant.

I have pleasure in expressing satisfaction and appreciation of the interest and conscientious work of each member of the staff, which has contributed in no small degree to the success of the Library.

I have now to thank you, Gentlemen, for the continuance of your help, your courteous consideration and your public expression of satisfaction with the Library and its working, and I trust that under much improved conditions and amid such congenial surroundings the work with which you have entrusted me may meet with still greater success.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
KATE FEARNSIDE,
LIBRARIAN.

TABLE A.

Table of Issues in the Reference, Lending, and Seaforth Branch Lending Departments, for the Year ending 31st March, 1908.

Month.	Reference.	Lending.	Seaforth Branch.	Total Issues in all Departments.
April, 1907	212	4,611	1,553	6,376
May, ,,	154	4,284	1,543	5,981
June, ,,	173	4,239	1,522	5,934
July, ,,	130	4,589	1,815	6,534
August, ,,	137	3,497	1,301	4,935
September, ,,	173	4,603	1,677	6,453
October, ,,	192	4,182	1,580	5,954
November, ,,	247	4,222	1,569	6,038
December, ,,	280	4,762	1,755	6,797
January, 1908	144	1,233	1,406	2,783
February, ,,	212	3,155	1,536	4,903
March, ,,	358	7,316	2,394	10,068
TOTALS	2,412	50,693	19,651	72,756

TABLE B.

Classification of Books Issued in the various Departments for the Year ending 31st March, 1908.

Class.	Reference.	Lending.	Seaforth Branch.	Totals.
General Works	651	1,505	383	2,539
Philosophy	39	262	50	351
Religion	106	449	66	621
Sociology	88	697	82	867
Philology	94	177	14	285
Natural Science	136	909	154	1,199
Useful Arts	103	520	133	756
Fine Arts	105	665	71	841
Literature	178	1,957	402	2,537
Juvenile Literature	538	9,515	4,474	14,527
History, Biography and Travel	233	3,023	695	3,951
Fiction	141	31,014	13,127	44,282
Totals	2,412	50,693	19,651	72,756

TABLE C.

Details of the Number of Volumes in each Class, with the Issues from each Class.

	Number of Volumes Issued.	Number of Volumes in Stock.
General Works	2,539	2,330
Philosophy	351	133
Religion	621	343
Sociology	867	353
Philology	285	72
Natural Science	1,199	443
Useful Arts	756	320
Fine Arts	841	310
Literature, Poetry and the Drama	2,537	761
History, Biography and Travel	3,951	2,048
Fiction (including Juvenile)	58,809	3,813
TOTALS	72,756	10,926

COMPARATIVE TABLE D.

Shewing Number of Issues each Year, and the Total since the Opening of the Library.

Class.	1898-9.*	1899-1900.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7. Central.	1906-7. Branch.	1907-8. Central.	1907-8. Branch.	Total.
General Works.....	412	903	1,217	1,611	2,916	2,812	3,230	2,700	2,756	340	2,156	383	21,436
Philosophy	130	212	186	205	231	160	200	200	265	7	301	50	2,147
Religion	731	922	428	291	410	382	346	317	433	38	555	66	4,919
Sociology	222	292	276	341	379	344	513	543	600	78	785	82	4,455
Philology	177	319	247	303	158	211	176	215	197	24	271	14	2,312
Natural Science ...	522	655	646	765	740	693	787	909	1,047	153	1,045	154	8,116
Useful Arts	365	432	455	492	460	524	552	868	807	107	623	133	5,818
Fine Arts	406	397	486	875	766	685	682	888	915	30	770	71	6,971
Literature	690	1,496	1,474	1,646	1,779	2,448	2,576	2,643	2,330	270	2,135	402	19,889
Juvenile Literature	2,071	7,056	7,347	7,842	7,462	8,841	9,882	11,064	10,766	4,544	10,053	4,474	91,402
History, Biography, Travel	2,059	4,318	3,567	3,833	3,183	3,188	3,442	3,493	3,620	569	3,256	695	35,223
Fiction	13,334	35,182	36,659	43,193	38,866	39,641	41,684	43,017	39,381	9,866	31,155	13,127	385,105
TOTALS.....	21,119	52,184	52,988	61,397	57,350	59,929	64,070	66,857	63,117	16,026	53,105	19,651	587,793
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Percentage of Juvenile Literature.....		13·5	13·8	12·7	13	14·7	15·4	16·5	17	28·3	18·9	22·7	

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Average daily Issues :—		
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Branch Lending		63
Number of days open :—		
Central		286
Branch		309
Largest issue for home reading in one day :—		
Central (on Feb. 8th and Feb. 29th)		512
Branch (on Nov. 9th)		156
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force :—		
Central	1,810	
Branch	548	
		2,358
Number of Borrowers enrolled during the year :—		
Central	1,219	
Branch	324	
		1,543
Number of Students' Tickets in force		213
,, ,, enrolled during the year		157
Approximate Attendance in the Reading Rooms :—		
Central	72,248	
Branch	39,567	
		111,815
Overdue books written for :—		
Central	646	
Branch	203	
		849
Number of books bespoken by Borrowers :—		
Central	297	
Branch	29	
		326
Books lost and paid for by Borrowers		2
,, ,, ,, ,, Guarantors		1
Books missing :—		
Central	1	
Branch	3	
		4

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bristol, Cardiff, Chorley, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hanley, Hove, Kettering, Kilburn, Liverpool, Liverpool Library (Lyceum), Manchester, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Preston, Runcorn, Shoreditch, St. Helens, Stockport, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Wandsworth, Warrington, Westminster, Whitehaven, Widnes, Wigan.

CATALOGUES, HAND-LISTS and LIBRARY JOURNALS from Bootle, Chorley, Great Crosby, Liverpool Library (Lyceum), Manchester, Runcorn, Stockport, Widnes.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	DONATION.
1 v.	E. Barton, Esq.	New Testament in Syriac.
21 v.	G. B. Bayley, Esq.	Engineering, 19 vols.
	,, ,,	The Steam Engine, by T. Tredgold, 2 vols.
1 p.	British College of Physical Education.	Handbook for 1907-8. (2 copies).
21 v.	Mrs. Kirk	Graphic, 18 vols..
	,, ,,	Monte Cristo, by A. Dumas.
	,, ,,	Sooner or later, by Brooks.
	,, ,,	History of the Wars of the French Revolution, vol. 1, by E. Baines.
1 p.	Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes.	Report of, 1906-7.
1 v.	Liverpool University	Calendar for 1908.
1 p.	London College of Music	Syllabus Regarding the Local and Higher Examinations for 1908.
8 v.	Macmillan & Co. (Publishers)	Arithmetic, by G. W. Palmer.
	,, ,,	Arithmetic for Schools, by J. Lock and V. M. Turnbull.
	,, ,,	Modern Arithmetic, by H. S. Jones.
	,, ,,	New Geometry, Part III., by S. Barnard and J. M. Child.
	,, ,,	New Geometry, Parts III. and IV., by S. Barnard and J. M. Child.
	,, ,,	New Geometry for Middle Forms, by S. Barnard and J. M. Child.
	,, ,,	New Geometry Papers, by R. Deakin.
	,, ,,	Steam and other Engines, by J. Duncan.

Donors of Books and Pamphlets—Continued.

No. of Vols.	DONOR.	DONATION.
28 v.	Miss McCulloch	The Headsman, by F. Cooper.
	,,	Cæsar's Commentaries on the Gallic Wars.
	,,	Memoirs of Thos. Chalmers, 4 vols., by W. Hanna.
	,,	Ancient History, 3 vols., by C. Rollen.
	,,	Pleasures of the Imagination, by Akenside.
	,,	Chambers' Journal, 8 vols.
	,,	Victories of Wellington, by W. H. Maxwell.
	,,	Rise and Fall of the Irish Nation, by Sir J. Barrington.
	,,	Letters and Journals of Lord Byron, 3 vols., by T. Moore.
	,,	Campbell's Poetical Works.
	,,	Cabinet Portrait Gallery of British Worthies.
	,,	Statesmen of the time of George III., 2 v., by Lord Brougham.
	,,	Self-Help, by S. Smiles.
1 v.	Mather & Crowther (Publishers)	Practical Advertising for 1907-8.
1 p.	National Union of Teachers	Report for 1907.
1 v.	E. A. Pratt, Esq. (Author)	The Licensed Trade.
4 v.	W. C. Rawlins, Esq.	Financial Reform Almanack and Year Book for 1908.
	,,	Oeuvres de Molière, 3 vols.
37 v.	Dr. Simpson (Chairman of the Library Committee).	The Champion, by M. L. Pendred and A. Stronach (2 copies).
	,, ,,	History of Greece, 12 vols., by G. Grote.
	,, ,,	Ecclesiastical Polity, 2 vols., by B. Hooker.
	,, ,,	Natural History of the British Islands, by F. G. Aflalo.
	,, ,,	Scott's Novels, 20 vols.
1 v.	Stubb's Publishing Co.	Stubb's Directory for 1907.
1 v.	University Tutorial Press	London University Guide and Correspondence Calendar for 1908.
1 v.	Watkins Meter Co.	Photographic Manual of Exposure and Development.
1	Whitaker (Publisher)	The Holiday Whitaker, Summer edition.

Complete List of Newspapers and Magazines in the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Public Libraries.

*(S indicates Seaforth ; W, Waterloo ; and * presented.)*

DAILY.

Liverpool Courier	S.W.
L'pool Daily Post & Mercury	S.W.
Liverpool Echo	S.W.
Liverpool Express	S.W.
L'pool Journal of Commerce	S.W.
London Daily News	S.W.
London Daily Telegraph ...	S.
London Standard	W.
*London Stock Market Report	S.W.
London Times	S.W.
Manchester Guardian ...	W.
Southport Visiter	W.

WEEKLY.

*Aspirant	W.
Athenæum	W.
British Weekly	W.
Builder...	W.
Building News	W.
*Canada...	S.W.
Cassell's Saturday Journal ...	S.
Chums	S.
Church Guardian	W.
*Certificate Examiner ...	W.
*Civil Service Weekly	W.
Commercial Intelligence ...	W.
*Co-operative News	W.
Country Life	S.
Electrical Review	S.W.
Engineer	W.
Engineering	S.W.
English Churchman	S.
English Mechanic	S.W.
Field	W.
Graphic	S.W.
Great Thoughts	S.
Grocer	W.
Illustrated London News ...	W.
Labour News	S.
Ladies' Pictorial	S.
The Lady	S.
*Local Government Chronicle	W.
*Local Government Journal	W.
M.A.P.	S.
*Mona's Herald	W.
Nation	W.
Nature	W.
Photography	W.
Punch	S.W.
Queen	S.W.
Saturday Review	W.
Schoolmaster	W.
Sketch	S.
Spectator	W.
Sphere	S.W.
T.P.'s Weekly	S.
Tablet	W.
Truth	S.W.
*University Correspondent ...	W.
Waterloo and Crosby Herald	S.W.
Waterloo Times	S.W.

MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist ... W.
Albany Review ... ... W.
Army List ... ... W.
Board of Trade Labour Gazette S.W.
Bookman ... ... W.
Bookseller ... ... W.
Boys' Own Paper ... ... W.
Cassell's Magazine ... ... S.W.
*Catholic Fireside ... ... W.
Chambers' Journal ... ... W.
*Church of England League Gazette ... ... W.
Contemporary Review ... W.
Cosmopolitan ... ... W.
Fortnightly Review ... ... W.
*Garden City ... ... S.W.
Girls' Own Paper ... ... S.W.
Girls' Realm ... ... W.
Harpers' Monthly Magazine... W.
Journal of Education... ... W.
Ladies' Home Journal ... W.
Ladies' Realm... ... ... S.
National Home Reading Union—
General Course Magazine... S.W.
Special Course Magazine ... S.W.
National Home Reading Union—
Young People's Magazine S.W.
*New Church Magazine ... W.
Nineteenth Century ... W.
Pearson's Magazine ... S.
Phonetic Journal ... ... W.
Quiver ... ... S.
Review of Reviews ... ... S.W.
St. Nicholas ... ... W.
School ... ... W.
*State Correspondent ... W.
Strand Magazine ... ... S.W.
Studio ... ... W.
*Travellers' Gazette ... ... S.W.
*Vaccination Enquirer ... W.
Wide World Magazine ... S.
Windsor Magazine ... ... W.
*Woodworker and Art Metal Worker ... ... W.
Woman at Home ... ... W.
*Women's Employment ... S.W.
Work ... ... W.
World and His Wife ... S.
Young Man ... ... S.W.
Young Woman ... ... S.W.

QUARTERLY.

Hibbert Journal ... ... W.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Benson's Liverpool Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
Bradshaw's General Railway and Steam Navigation Guide ... ... W.
*Caledonian Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Cambrian Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Glasgow and South Western Railway Guide ... ... W.
*Great Central Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Great Northern Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Great Western Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*London and North Western Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*Midland Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*North British Railway Guide ... ... S.W.
*North Eastern Railway Guide ... ... W.
*North Staffordshire Railway Guide ... ... W.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1908.

INCOME.

				£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1906-1907				20	18	11
From General District Rate, 1907-8				516	0	0
,, Fines	£26	9	6			
,, Readers' Tickets	11	4	5			
,, Sale of Catalogues	4	3	8			
,, ,, Papers	9	12	9			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0	8	1			
,, Advertising	6	5	0			
				58	3	5
Total				£595	2	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	97	4	11
,, Salaries	187	10	0
,, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	12	17	3
,, Electric Light and Repairs	15	2	3
,, Cleaning and Fuel	13	8	8
,, Wages of Caretaker of Seaforth Branch	13	0	0
,, Heating and Lighting ,, ,,	15	5	2
,, Establishment Charges and Postages	19	7	6
,, Furniture and Fittings	4	1	10
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	79	2	10
,, New Books	33	13	3
,, Subscription to Circulating Library	10	10	0
,, Bookbinding	25	12	5
,, Printing and Stationery	58	8	1
	£585	4	2
,, Balance in hand at end of year	9	18	2
Total	£595	2	4

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WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Library and Museum Committee, 1908-9.

Chairman:

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,,	DURRANS.	,,	STEAD.

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To the Chairman and Members
of the Library and Museum Committee
of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the Eleventh Annual Report giving particulars of the work of the Libraries under your control, I have pleasure in recording an increase of issues, larger attendances, and certain extensions in educational facilities connected with the Library System.

Stock. The Stock now numbers 10,911 volumes. 408 volumes have been added during the year, 249 by purchase, 142 by donation, and 17 periodicals were bound. 280 volumes have been rebound, and 1,481 repaired by the staff. 20 volumes have been replaced and 154 soiled and worn-out volumes have been discarded, 107 of these are ephemeral fiction and magazines which it will be unnecessary to replace.

The arrangement with Messrs. Smith & Sons for the borrowing of books continues to work well and gives entire satisfaction.

At the annual stocktaking, completed on the last day covered by this report, every volume was accounted for.

Issues. The total number of books issued in all departments has been 87,841, an increase of 15,085 over the preceding year and 8,698 more than in any one year since the opening of the Libraries. A reference to the classified table of issues appended herewith will readily reveal the location of the issues in the two Libraries and the various departments connected therewith, and the comparative table of issues will show the rate of progress during the successive years.

Borrowers. Borrowers' tickets remain in force two years; the total number in force is 2,947, an increase of 589 over last year. 191 students' tickets have been issued making a total of 305 in force, an increase of 92.

Reading Rooms.

The approximate attendances in the Reading Rooms have been :—Central 80,423 (exclusive of juveniles) against 72,248 last year (inclusive of juveniles), and Branch 49,765 against 39.567 last year, the total gain being 44,875. These approximate figures are based on an hourly calculation and may be considered as below, rather than above the actual attendances.

Juvenile Department.

Issues.—The total issues in Central and Branch Juvenile Libraries number 27,035 ; they are distributed among the various classes of literature as follows :—

General Works (Magazines, etc.)	1,902
Philosophy	37
Religion	173
Sociology	550
Philology	75
Natural Science	1,395
Useful Arts	347
Fine and Recreative Arts	342
Literature, Poetry	1,093
History, Biography, Travel	2,968
Fiction	18,153
	27,035

This classification bears testimony to the satisfactory nature of the work in this Department.

Borrowers.—1,059 Juvenile Borrowers' tickets are in force, of these, 531 are boys and 528 girls : 87 are out district children attending schools in this District and 356 are children under 12 years of age. With reference to this last particular it will be remembered that on the reorganisation of the Juvenile Department the age limit for membership was raised from 10 to 12 and that owing to certain representations subsequently made to the Committee by Teachers respecting study books, a concession was offered to children thus debarred, viz.:—that they might borrow books other than fiction—thus during the year 356 children have availed themselves of this opportunity, with

the result that juvenile non-fiction books are "at a premium;" it is hoped that this initial introduction, through the medium of the attractively informative books with which the Committee are building up the juvenile section, will have a permanent effect in inculcating an appreciation of the higher branches of literature.

Reading Room.—The approximate attendance in the Juvenile Reading Room has been 26,502. Silence and good order has been maintained in this Department.

Suggestion.—If a Juvenile catalogue could be published and distributed gratis throughout the elementary schools, the children might by this means become more familiar with the contents of the Library and be attracted to a still greater use of its privileges.

"Readers' Review."

In August last the Committee considered the Librarian's recommendation that the localised monthly magazine for libraries, launched under the joint auspices of the Library Association and the National Home Reading Union, should be localised for this Library, it was then decided to test the probable number of subscribers before definitely adopting the scheme: the response from readers being quite satisfactory the first number was issued in November and ultimately subscribers were obtained for every available copy (250).

Topical Lists.

The "Events Indicator" in the News Room has been in constant use during the year; topical lists have been compiled on "The Messina Earthquake," "The Near East Crisis," "Continental Travel and History in Fiction," "The Indian Frontier," "Mendelssohn," "George Meredith," "Milton," "Darwin," "Edgar Allan Poe," "Edward Fitzgerald," and "Unemployment."

Popular Lectures.

The experimental series of Popular Lectures organised by the Committee in response to a request from a Waterloo resident were held fortnightly as follows:—

	Lecturer.	Subject.
Jan. 20th	Rev. M. Linton-Smith, M.A.	"A Buried City, or the Discovery of Pompeii."
Feb. 3rd	Rev. G. A. Brock, B.A.	"The Theatre and Plays of Ancient Greece."
,, 17th	Harold E. Young, Esq.	"A Wayfarer in Rural Japan."
Mar. 3rd	Francis Heatherley, Esq., F.R.C.S.	"Birds I have met."
,, 18th	G. F. Mason, Esq., L.R.A.M.	"Some Old Persian Poets."
,, 31st	Rev. Canon F. F. Grensted, M.A.	"Studies in Cloudland."

Thanks have been accorded to the Lecturers and to the Lanternist, Mr. S. J. D. Manson.

The aggregate attendance was 1,065 and the average 177. Though the attendances were not large the financial result was quite satisfactory. I recommend the Committee to continue them during the winter months of 1909-10.

Re-arrangements and Improvements.

Certain re-arrangements and improvements have been made in the Carnegie Library. The overcrowded state of the News Room called for attention and in December last the Committee decided to transfer directories, time tables and monthly periodicals to the Reference Room and to convert the Book Store upstairs into an Open Access Reference Library; the increased accommodation and greater facilities for students thus provided have evoked universal expressions of satisfaction on the part of readers.

The draught screen and door fixed at the top of the stairs have entirely obviated the discomfort felt by the Staff and it will be unnecessary to proceed with the suggested cover over the well.

The lighting of the Library and Museum has been much improved by the substitution of "Osram" lamps for the ordinary 16 c.p. incandescent lamps; alterations to some of the fittings were necessary and three "three-light pendants" were removed: it is anticipated that this arrangement will prove a considerable saving.

A Bronze Tablet in commemoration of the gift and opening of the Library has recently been fixed in the Porch.

Museum.

Opening Ceremony.—On August 5th, Dr. H. O. Forbes, LL.D., Director of the Liverpool Museum, opened the Museum in the presence of about 100 guests, and was presented with a gold key in commemoration of the occasion. The Reference Room had been converted into an assembly room in which speeches were delivered by Dr. Forbes and Lieut.-Col. C. T. Echalaz, who then formally presented, by engrossed Deed of Gift, his valuable Ornithological Collection to the Council, and was himself presented with a morocco bound copy of the Handbook he has compiled of the collection. Tea was afterwards served by invitation of the Chairman of the Council, James Eshelby, Esq., J.P.

Donations.—The following donations have been received for the Museum :—

From Mr. Councillor Bezant, Sun-fish.

From Mr. Councillor Blundell, three papers, viz., "The Cumberland Pacquet" for January 10th, 1792 ; "The Liverpool Mercury" for October 23rd, 1812 ; "The Albion" for October 13th, 1828.

From Lieut.-Col. C. T. Echalaz, cabinet of Indian curios representing the trades and castes of the people.

From Mrs. R. Kelsall, ostrich egg.

Handbook.—Copies of the Museum Handbook have been presented to each Department of the Elementary Schools.

Acknowledgments.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Editor of the "Waterloo and Crosby Herald" for gratuitously publishing monthly "Contents of Periodicals" and occasional "Topical Lists," and to the Parks Committee of the Council for supplying the Libraries with cut flowers twice a week through the summer months, this added attraction to the Libraries has given rise to frequent expressions of pleasure.

Library Association Conference.

The Chairman of the Library and Museum Committee, Dr. Simpson, and the Librarian attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Brighton from August 24th to 28th and a report of the proceedings was presented to this Committee by Dr. Simpson.

Liverpool and District Library Assistants' Association.

By invitation of the Library and Museum Committee, the Liverpool and District Library Assistants' Association held their second meeting at the Carnegie Library on February 12th. About 40 members were present. After inspecting the building and organisation, the visitors were entertained to tea by invitation of the Chairman, Dr. T. Simpson, J.P., and the Vice-Chairman, G. D. Killey, Esq., J.P., and enjoyed a pleasant social hour. In replying to the vote of thanks accorded to them, Dr. Simpson sympathetically referred to the death of Mr. Peter Cowell, City Librarian of Liverpool and spoke in appreciative terms of his kindly interest in the Waterloo Library, and Mr. Killey spoke of the dignity and worth of the profession of Librarianship and of the necessity of a thorough training. In the evening a business meeting was held in the Museum when the Constitution of the Association was agreed upon.

Training of Library Assistants.

The Members of the Libraries Staff, recognising the desirability of obtaining the professional certificates of the Library Association if they are to be successful in their profession, have been hoping that some organised tuition in the theory and practice of Librarianship would soon be available in Liverpool or some convenient centre. With this desire the Committee are in full sympathy and have given practical expression to it by forwarding the following resolution to the Council of the North Western Branch of the Library Association :—

> "That in the opinion of this Committee the time has arrived when opportunities for Higher Education in their special department should be afforded to Library Assistants of this District : that the Council of the North West Branch of the Library Association be requested to provide lectures or classes in Librarianship and this Committee pledges itself to aid such an effort by granting every possible facility to the Library Assistants to attend."

Each member of the Staff has signed a similar resolution presented to the North Western Council by the Liverpool and District Library Assistants Association.

May I, Gentlemen, in concluding this report, give expression on behalf of the Libraries Staff to their appreciation of the interest you have shown in their welfare and future success.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

KATE FEARNSIDE,

LIBRARIAN.

Classified Table of Issues in the Reference, Lending and Seaforth Branch Lending Departments for the Year ending 31st March, 1909.

Class.	Central Reference.			Central Lending.			Seaforth Branch.			Total Issues in all Departments.
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	
General Works.....	387	160	547	726	1,219	1,945	219	523	742	3,234
Philosophy	16	4	20	292	24	316	38	9	47	383
Religion	90	5	95	457	92	549	52	76	128	772
Sociology	119	22	141	583	276	859	74	252	326	1,326
Philology	86	6	92	139	44	183	39	25	64	339
Natural Science ...	92	18	110	640	549	1,189	83	828	911	2,210
Useful Arts	162	6	168	509	196	705	70	145	215	1,088
Fine and Recreative Arts...	141	5	146	751	177	928	77	160	237	1,311
Literature, Poetry and the Drama...	173	22	195	2,222	454	2,676	255	617	872	3,743
History, Biography, Travel	223	47	270	3,710	1,043	4,753	646	1,878	2,524	7,547
Fiction	94	515	609	35,042	9,167	44,209	12,599	8,471	21,070	65,888
TOTALS.....	1,583	810	2,393	45,071	13,241	58,312	14,152	12,984	27,136	87,841

Details of the Number of Volumes in each Class, with the Issues from each Class.

Class.	Number of Volumes in Stock.	Number of Volumes Issued.
General Works	2,321	3,234
Philosophy	128	383
Religion	345	772
Sociology	362	1,326
Philology	90	339
Natural Science	469	2,210
Useful Arts	335	1,088
Fine and Recreative Arts	322	1,311
Literature, Poetry and the Drama	793	3,743
History, Biography, Travel	2,098	7,547
Fiction	3,648	65,888
Total	10,911	87,841

COMPARATIVE TABLE

Shewing Issues, Daily Average, and Percentage of Fiction and Juvenile Issues for each year since the Opening in 1898.

Year.	Issues.	Daily Average.	Percentages.	
			Fiction.	Juvenile.
*1898-9	21,119	—	63·1	9·8
1899-1900	52,184	164	67·4	13·5
1900-1	52,988	173	69	13·8
1901-2	61,397	201	70·3	12·7
1902-3	57,350	195	67·7	13
1903-4	59,929	197	66·1	14·7
1904-5	64,070	208	65	15·4
1905-6	66,857	217	64·3	16·5
†1906-7	79,143	258	62·2	19·3
‡1907-8	72,756	248	60·8	19·9
1908-9	87,841	286	54·3	30·7
Total	675,634			

* Lending Department six months only.

† Seaforth Branch opened.

‡ Central Library closed twenty-three days for removal to Carnegie Library.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of Volumes in stock			10,911
,, ,, presented			142
,, ,, replaced			20
,, ,, discarded			107
,, ,, re-bound			280
,, ,, repaired by staff			1,481
,, ,, disinfected			64
Total number of Issues :—			
Central Lending, Adult	45,071		
,, Juvenile	13,241		
		58,312	
Reference, Adult	1,583		
,, Juvenile	810		
		2,393	
Branch Lending, Adult	14,152		
,, Juvenile	12,984		
		27,136	
			87,841
Average daily Issues :—			
Central Lending			189
Reference			7
Branch Lending			88
Number of days open :—			
Central and Branch			307
Largest issue for home reading in one day :—			
Central (on May 16th)			508
Branch (on Sept. 19th)			172
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force :—			
Central, Adult	1,489		
,, Juvenile	640		
		2,129	
Branch, Adult	399		
,, Juvenile	419		
		818	
			2,947

Number of Borrowers enrolled during the year:—			
Central, Adult	702		
,, Juvenile	311		
		1,013	
Branch, Adult	223		
,, Juvenile	429		
		652	
			1,665
Number of Students' Tickets in force			305
,, ,, enrolled during the year			191
Approximate Attendance in the Reading Rooms:—			
Central, Adult	80,423		
,, Juvenile	26,502		
		106,925	
Branch		49,765	
			156,690
Overdue books written for:—			
Central		839	
Branch		313	
			1,152
Number of books bespoken by Borrowers:—			
Central		439	
Branch		95	
			534
Books lost and replaced by Borrowers			2
,, ,, paid for ,, ,,			3
,, ,, by out-district school children			1
,, missing			0

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Armstrong, Miss Amy	1 ...	—
Australia, Commonwealth Officers	1 ...	—
British and Foreign Unitarian Association	1 ...	1
British College of Physical Education	— ...	1
Canadian Government	1 ...	—
Canadian Manufacturers' Association	— ...	1
Cripps, Miss	83 ...	—
Crawford, Lord...	8 ...	5
Gladstone, Trustees of the late Rt. Hon. W. E. ...	3 ...	—
Hatfield, Mr. J.	— ...	1
Houlgrave, Dr.	24 ...	—
Hungary, Minister for Agriculture	3 ...	2
Layton, C. and E. (Publishers)	— ...	2
Liverpool University	1 ...	—
London College of Music	— ...	1
Macmillan and Co. (Publishers)	6 ...	—
Maudsley, Miss	42 ...	—
Manx Government Board of Advertising	1 ...	—
National Union of Teachers	— ...	1
Pickles, Mr. Councillor	1 ...	—
Royal Insurance Company	— ...	3
Shorthouse, Mr. E. (the Author)	2 ...	—
Simpkin, Marshall & Co. (Publishers)	1 ...	—
Simpson, Dr. (Chairman of the Library Committee)	10 ...	—
Tariff Reform League	— ...	1
University Tutorial Press	2 ...	—
Waldron, Mrs.	1 ...	—
Waterloo-with-Seaforth Urban District Council ...	3 ...	—
Watson, Mr. F. D. (per Mr. Councillor Pickles) ...	1 ...	—
Watson, Mr. J. A. Howard	3 ...	—

DONATIONS—*continued.*

PERIODICALS.

Agricultural Economist.
Animals' Friend.
Anti-Slavery Reporter.
Aspirant.
Canada.
Canadian Life and Resources.
Catholic Fireside.
Certificate Examiner.
Church of England League Gazette.
Civil Service Weekly.
Conservative and Unionist.
Cook's Ocean List.
Co-operative News.
Daily Stock Report.
Depositor.
Engineering Markets.
Garden City.
Good Health.
Herald of the Cross.
Home.
Liberal Monthly.
Literary Guide.
Local Government Chronicle.
Local Government Journal.
Mining Journal.
Mona's Herald.
Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform.
New Church Magazine.
Practical Engineer.
Representation.
Return of Deaths of Seamen.
Success Ladder.
Traveller's League Gazette.
University Correspondent.
Vaccination Inquirer.
White Ribbon.
Woman's Franchise.
Women's Employment.

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries :—Aberdeen, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Battersea, Bebington, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Chorley, Croydon, Dundee, Eccles, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hanley, Holyhead, Hove, Kettering, Kilburn, Lincoln, Liverpool, Manchester, Montrose, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Plymouth, Preston, Runcorn, Shoreditch, St. Helens, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Westminster, Whitehaven, Widnes, Wigan.

CATALOGUES, HAND-LISTS and LIBRARY JOURNALS from Bootle, Kilburn, Liverpool Library (Lyceum), Manchester, Stockport, Walthamstow.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1909.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1907-8		9	18	2
From General District Rate, 1908-9		525	0	0
,, Transfer in respect of Loans on old Library Premises		59	12	8
,, Transfer from Museum in respect of Salaries		50	0	0
,, Fines	£29 11 8			
,, Readers' Tickets	9 19 6			
,, Sale of Catalogues	2 19 9			
,, ,, Papers	8 16 6			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0 8 8			
,, Readers' Review	15 16 9			
,, Popular Lectures	16 10 2			
,, Advertising	10 0 0			
		94	3	0
		738	13	10
,, Balance due to Treasurer at end of year		4	0	4
Total		£742	14	2

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	96	8	1
,, Salaries	230	0	0
,, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	36	16	3
,, Electric Light, Alterations and Repairs	51	5	6
,, Cleaning and Fuel	17	11	2
,, Carnegie Library—			
Wages of Caretaker	26	0	0
Furnace Attendant and Cleaner	14	13	0
,, Seaforth Branch—			
Heating and Lighting	13	6	10
Wages of Caretaker	13	0	0
,, Furniture and Fittings	16	6	7
,, Establishment Charges and Postages	23	12	8
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	79	9	6
,, Books	37	18	1
,, Subscription to Circulating Library	10	10	0
,, Bookbinding	21	14	4
,, Readers' Review	12	10	0
,, Printing and Stationery	41	12	2
Total	£742	14	2

MUSEUM ACCOUNT

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1909.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1907-8	56	14	8
From General District Rate, 1907-8	262	10	0
,, Sale of Handbooks..	9	2	6
Total.....	£328	7	2

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	34	15	1
,, Transfer to Library Fund in respect of Salaries	50	0	0
,, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	10	5	3
,, Heating and Cleaning	6	0	5
,, Wages of Caretaker and Cleaner	9	5	6
,, Printing and Stationery	145	13	0
,, Name Plates	35	5	0
,, Furniture and Fittings	17	18	0
,, Joiners' and Plumbers' Work	0	16	0
,, Removal of Cases	3	6	6
,, Presentation Key	2	10	0
,, Postages	0	13	4
	316	8	1
,, Balance in hand at end of year	11	19	1
Total..	£328	7	2

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Twelfth Annual Report

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1910.

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WATERLOO-WITH-SEAFORTH PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Library and Museum Committee, 1909-1910.

Chairman:

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BAMBER BARON, Esq., J.P. (*ex-officio*).

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,, STEAD.	,, DURRANS.
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To the Chairman and Members
of the Library and Museum Committee
of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present the Twelfth Annual Report of the work of the Public Libraries for the year ending 31st March, 1910.

Stock.

226 volumes have been added to the Library; of these 117 were purchased, 76 were presented, and 33 periodicals were bound. 43 volumes have been replaced and 87 discarded. The net stock now numbers 11,097 volumes.

At the annual stocktaking eight volumes were found to be missing; the total value of the loss is seven shillings and fourpence.

Issues.

The total number of books issued in all departments has been 80,143, 7,698 less than the preceding year. Each department shows a decreased issue with the exception of the Juvenile Reading Room at Waterloo which records an increase of 350 volumes. I judge the various causes of this decreased use of the Libraries to be that the impetus given to the Library movement in the District by the opening of the Carnegie Library has now spent itself; that the number of new books supplied is not so many as the readers desire; and that the publication of many cheap reprints of standard works is an inducement to many readers to buy rather than to borrow.

Borrowers.

The total number of borrowers enrolled is 2,740. 1,317 have been enrolled during the year, 348 less than last year. 156 readers have taken out a Student's, or non-fiction, ticket, making a total of 276 such tickets in force.

Two new rules have been adopted; the first allows persons residing in districts where there is no Public Library to borrow books for home reading on payment of a subscription of five shillings for two years' membership, and the second allows non-resident persons who are employed in the district to borrow books upon the same conditions as residents.

Reading Rooms.

The approximate attendances in the Reading Rooms have been:—Central 92,399, against 106,925 last year, and Branch 54,002, against 49,765 last year. The decrease at the Central is mainly in the Juvenile Room.

Complaints having been made of the noise in the Waterloo rooms, caused by the chairs scraping on the block floors, Councillor Renner presented "silent castors" for the chairs in the News Room; this has proved effectual, and it is desirable to fix the contrivance in the Magazine and Ladies' Rooms.

The accommodation in the Seaforth Reading Room is now inadequate; the existence of an open fireplace for heating purposes and the difficulty experienced in keeping the windows open explains the lack of ventilation complained of by readers.

An arrangement to post the employment advertisements from the "Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury" outside the Seaforth Library at 7 o'clock each morning has proved a convenience to many persons seeking employment.

Juvenile Department.

Issues.—The total number of books issued in the Central and Branch Juvenile Libraries has been 23,104, 3,931 less than the preceding year. The classification of books and comparison with last year is as follows:—

	1908-9.		1909-10.
General Works (Magazines, etc.)	1,902	...	2,080
Philosophy	37	..	64
Religion	173	...	184
Sociology	550	...	550
Philology	75	...	71
Natural Science	1,395	...	1,482
Useful Arts	347	...	506
Fine and Recreative Arts	342	..	303
Literature, Poetry	1,093	...	1,018
History, Biography, Travel	2,968	...	3,082
Fiction	18,153	...	13,764
Totals	27,035	...	23,104
Percentage of Fiction	67·1	...	59·5

Borrowers.—1,051 Juvenile Tickets are in force; 478 are enrolled at the Central Library and 573 at the Seaforth Branch. 458 have been enrolled during the year.

Reading Room.—The approximate attendances in the Reading Room have been 15,604, a decrease of 10,898. In consequence of the persistent pilfering of periodicals in this room the Committee agreed, in December last, to withdraw all periodicals from the tables and issue them only to those applicants who deposit their membership ticket with the Desk Attendant. This arrangement has prevented further abuses, but as the record of attendance shows, it has greatly affected the popularity of the room.

"Readers' Review."

The localised magazine for Libraries has again been issued from the Waterloo and Seaforth Libraries and it is anticipated that the proceeds from sales and advertisements will cover the cost of the 250 copies per month supplied to us.

Exhibition of Holiday Literature.

A number of illustrated guides to holiday resorts were obtained gratis from the various publishers and displayed during the summer months in the Entrance Hall of the Waterloo Library; this "Holiday Literature Table" attracted considerable attention.

Popular Lectures.

The following series of Lectures have been successfully organised during the winter months:—

1909.	Lecturer.	Subject.
Oct. 13th	Rev. Canon F. F. Grenstead, M.A.	"The Story of the Crosby Boulder."
,, 27th	Rev. M. Linton Smith, M.A.	"Round about Cairo with Hand Camera."
Nov. 10th	John Tinkler, Esq., L.R.A.M.	"A Lecture-Recital on Schumann."
,, 24th	Harold E. Young, Esq.	"Rambles and Scrambles on the Pacific Slope, and in the Yellowstone Regions of the Far West."
Dec. 8th	D. E. Benson, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.	"Photography in Natural Colours."
1910.		
Jan. 12th	J. Howard Reed, Esq, F.R.G.S.	"South Africa under a Union Parliament."
,, 26th	G. F. Mason, Esq., L.R.A.M.	"Mendelssohn and his Work."
Feb. 9th	Trevor Whitaker, Esq.	"On the Mainroads of North Wales and Shropshire."
,, 23rd	J. H. Milton, Esq., F.G.S., F.L.S.	"Scenery and some of its causes."
Mar. 9th	H. Brodrick, Esq., M.A., F.G.S.	"British Caves and Cave Exploration."
,, 18th	Miss Edith Atkinson	"Liverpool to London, *via* Peking and Moscow."

The aggregate attendance was 3,099, and the average 281, against an average attendance of 177 during the first session held last winter. 751 scholars from the Elementary and Continuation Schools attended in charge of teachers from their respective schools; and one of the Lecturers, Mr. Harold Young, kindly presented a prize to a boy from the Waterloo Continuation School for an essay on his Lecture.

Short reading lists for each Lecture were compiled and posted in the Libraries.

The thanks of the Committee have been accorded to the Lecturers and to the Lanternist, Mr S. J. D. Manson, for their voluntary services.

A statement of receipts and expenditure is appended.

Museum.

No record of attendance is kept in the Museum but the number of visitors continues to be very satisfactory. Classes of scholars from the Elementary Schools have attended with a teacher for an object lesson on one or more of the species of birds exhibited therein.

The following donations have been received :—

From Mr. Councillor Pickles, Chairman of the Library and Museum Committee.	Copy of the "Liverpool Mercury" for March 23rd, 1827.
,, ,, ,,	Chinese Tablet used for printing.
,, ,, ,,	Skull of a Hippopotamus.
From The late Mr. R. A. Schofield, "Seafield," Waterloo (presented by his family).	Collection of Shells.
From R. N. Sumner, Esq., Waterloo.	Collection of Cretan Coins.

Sixteen Handbooks have been sold during the year.

Acknowledgments.

Thanks are accorded to the Editor of the "Waterloo and Crosby Herald" for gratuitously publishing monthly lists of the "Principal Contents of Periodicals," and to the Parks Committee of the Council for a generous supply of cut flowers twice a week through the summer months.

Library Association Conference.

As in former years, Dr. Simpson and the Librarian attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association which was held at Sheffield from September 20th to 23rd, and a report of the proceedings was presented to the Committee by Dr. Simpson.

Staff.

Two Assistants attended a Summer School of Librarianship held at Wigan on May 26th, 27th and 28th, one of whom, Miss E. Voce, gained the second prize for her report on the subject of Classification.

Three Assistants have resigned their positions on the Library Staff. In May and October respectively Miss M. J. Hendry and Miss E. Voce, Junior Assistants, obtained positions on the Staff of the Liverpool Public Libraries; and Miss E. D. Warner, first Assistant, who is returning to her home in Dublin, presented her resignation on the last day covered by this report. Miss F. Walmsley, Miss R. Key and Miss C. Hember have been appointed Junior Assistants, and the Misses F. Hatfield, M. L. Ashton and A. Armstrong have succeeded to the first, second and third positions respectively.

I have much pleasure in reporting the good work of each member of the Staff.

Yours faithfully,

KATE FEARNSIDE,

LIBRARIAN.

Classified Table of Issues in the Reference, Lending and Seaforth Branch Lending Departments for the Year ending 31st March, 1910.

Class.	Central Reference.			Central Lending.			Seaforth Branch.			Total Issues in all Departments.
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	
General Works.....	293	618	**911**	955	611	**1,566**	258	851	**1,109**	**3,586**
Philosophy	12	3	**15**	231	33	**264**	21	28	**49**	**328**
Religion	98	9	**107**	405	63	**468**	32	112	**144**	**719**
Sociology	121	34	**155**	520	216	**736**	62	300	**362**	**1,253**
Philology	97	13	**110**	128	26	**154**	17	32	**49**	**313**
Natural Science ...	108	43	**151**	640	549	**1,189**	120	890	**1,010**	**2,350**
Useful Arts	121	15	**136**	543	213	**756**	94	278	**372**	**1,264**
Fine Arts and Recreative Arts...	86	6	**92**	625	123	**748**	66	174	**240**	**1,080**
Literature, Poetry and the Drama...	154	25	**179**	1,943	404	**2,347**	182	589	**771**	**3,297**
History, Biography, and Travel	252	53	**305**	3,409	1,128	**4,537**	684	1,901	**2,585**	**7,427**
Fiction	73	341	**414**	32,935	6,215	**39,150**	11,754	7,208	**18,962**	**58,526**
TOTALS.....	1,415	1,160	**2,575**	42,334	9,581	**51,915**	13,290	12,363	**25,653**	**80,143**

Details of the Number of Volumes in each Class, with the Issues from each Class.

Class.	Number of Volumes in Stock.	Number of Volumes Issued.
General Works	2,362	3,586
Philosophy	133	328
Religion	366	719
Sociology	370	1,253
Philology	97	313
Natural Science	479	2,350
Useful Arts	343	1,264
Fine and Recreative Arts	327	1,080
Literature, Poetry and the Drama	799	3,297
History, Biography, Travel	2,161	7,427
Fiction	3,660	58,526
Total	**11,097**	**80,143**

COMPARATIVE TABLE

Shewing Issues, Daily Average, and Percentage of Fiction and Juvenile Issues for each year since the Opening in 1898.

Year.	Issues.	Daily Average.	Percentages.	
			Fiction.	Juvenile.
*1898-9	21,119	—	63·1	9·8
1899-1900	52,184	164	67·4	13·5
1900-1	52,988	173	69	13·8
1901-2	61,397	201	70·3	12·7
1902-3	57,350	195	67·7	13
1903-4	59,929	197	66·1	14·7
1904-5	64,070	208	65	15·4
1905-6	66,857	217	64·3	16·5
†1906-7	79,143	258	62·2	19·3
‡1907-8	72,756	248	60·8	19·9
1908-9	87,841	286	54·3	30·7
1909-10	80,143	263	55·8	28·2
Total	**755,777**			

* Lending Department six months only.

† Seaforth Branch opened.

‡ Central Library closed twenty-three days for removal to Carnegie Library.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of Volumes in stock			11,097
,, ,, presented			76
,, ,, replaced			43
,, ,, discarded			87
,, ,, re-bound			242
,, ,, repaired by staff			1,662
,, ,, disinfected			54
Total number of Issues :—			
Central Lending, Adult	42,334		
,, Juvenile	9,581		
		51,915	
Reference, Adult	1,415		
,, Juvenile	1,160		
		2,575	
Branch Lending, Adult	13,290		
,, Juvenile	12,363		
		25,653	
			80,143
Average daily Issues :—			
Central Lending			170
Reference			8
Branch Lending			84
Number of days open :—			
Central and Branch			304
Largest issue for home reading in one day :—			
Central (on Nov. 13th)			436
Branch (on Sept. 11th)			178
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force :—			
Central, Adult	1,298		
,, Juvenile	478		
		1,776	
Branch, Adult	391		
,, Juvenile	573		
		964	
			2,740

Number of Borrowers enrolled during the year:—			
Central, Adult	664		
,, Juvenile	191		
		855	
Branch, Adult	195		
,, Juvenile	267		
		462	
			1,317
Number of Students' Tickets in force			276
,, ,, enrolled during the year			156
Approximate Attendance in the Reading Rooms:—			
Central, Adult	76,795		
,, Juvenile	15,604		
		92,399	
Branch		54,002	
			146,401
Overdue books written for:—			
Central		690	
Branch		305	
			995
Number of books bespoken by Borrowers:—			
Central		451	
Branch		83	
			534
Books lost and replaced by Borrowers			3
,, ,, paid for ,, ,,			5
,, missing			8

DONATIONS.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Australia, Commonwealth Officers	3	6
Bezant, Mr. Councillor, Waterloo	1	—
Bone, Miss Florence (the Author), Waterloo	1	—
Briscoe, Mr. J. Potter, Nottingham	10	—
British College of Physical Education	—	1
Carnegie, Dr. Andrew	1	—
Casson, Mr. H. N (the Author), New York	1	—
Emigration Board for Canada	1	—
Hall, Mr. Wm. (the Author)	1	—
Hartley, Sir Wm. P., Aintree	2	—
Hatfield, Miss Florence, Seaforth	6	—
Herdman, Miss, Waterloo	10	—
H.M. Stationery Office, Westminster	1	—
Killey, Mr. Councillor, Waterloo	1	—
Liverpool University	1	—
London Publicity Co.	2	—
Macmillan and Co. (Publishers)	1	—
National Union of Teachers	—	1
North-Eastern Railway Company	1	—
Omerod, Mr. J. R., Blundellsands	2	—
Patent Office, London	—	5
Paton, J. and J. (Publishers)	1	—
Peace Society	—	2
Pickles, Mr. Councillor (Chairman of the Library Committee), Seaforth	4	—
Pitman, Sir Isaac & Sons (Publishers)	1	—
Royal Insurance Company	—	1
Royal Society of Arts	—	1
Simpson, Dr., Birkdale	1	—
Society of Friends	19	—
Sutton, Mr. Councillor, Waterloo	1	—
Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes	—	1
University Correspondence College	1	1
University Tutorial Press	2	—
Women's Industrial Council	1	—
Young, Miss Falconer, Waterloo	1	—

DONATIONS—*Continued.*

PERIODICALS.

Abolitionist.
Agricultural Economist.
Animals' Friend.
Anti-Slavery Reporter.
Aspirant.
Canada.
Canadian Life and Resources.
Church of England League Gazette.
Civil Service Weekly.
Conservative and Unionist.
Cook's Ocean List.
Co-operative News.
Correspondent.
Empire Gazette.
Fancy Needlework.
Free Trader.
Garden City.
Herald of the Cross.
India.
Liberal Monthly.
Local Government Chronicle.
Local Government Journal.
Mining Journal.
Mona's Herald.
Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform.
New Church Magazine.
Practical Engineer.
Representation.
Return of Deaths of Seamen.
Schoolmistress.
Southern Field.
Travellers' League Gazette.
University Correspondent.
Vaccination Enquirer.
Weekly Report.
Woman's Franchise.
Women's Employment.

Bezant, Mr. Councillor, Waterloo. .....Ten shillings—donation for "Readers' Review."

Renner, Mr. Councillor, Waterloo. .....Silent Castors for Chairs in News Room.

Simpson, Dr., Birkdale .....Photograph of Ormskirk Church.
Photograph of the Members of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Urban District Council in 1899.

ANNUAL REPORTS have been received from the following Public Libraries:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Ashton-under-Lyne, Batley, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Cardiff, Chorley, Eccles, Gloucester, Hove, Kettering, Kilburn, Lincoln, Liverpool, Liverpool Library (Lyceum), Manchester, Montrose, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Penarth, Plymouth, Preston, Rawtenstall, Runcorn, St. Helens Stockport, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Westminster, Whitehaven, Widnes, Wigan.

CATALOGUES, HAND-LISTS AND LIBRARY JOURNALS from Liverpool Library (Lyceum). Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottingham, Walthamstow.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1910.

INCOME.

		£	s.	d.
From General District Rate, 1909-10		537	0	0
,, Transfer in respect of Loans on old Library Premises		59	6	11
,, Transfer from Museum in respect of Salaries, Heating and Lighting ..		75	0	0
,, Fines.....	£27 3 7			
,, Readers' Tickets...	9 15 3			
,, Sale of Catalogues	0 11 4			
,, ,, Papers	11 9 1			
,, Lost and Damaged Books	0 8 3			
,, "Readers' Review"	7 19 9			
,, Popular Lectures	37 18 4			
,, Advertising	4 4 0			
		99	9	7
Total.....		£770	16	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance due to Treasurer (1908-9)	4	0	4
,, Interest and Repayment of Loans	94	3	2
,, Salaries	229	8	6
,, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	39	10	5
,, Electric Light and Repairs	24	18	1
,, Cleaning and Fuel ...	22	0	5
,, Carnegie Library—			
Wages of Caretaker	26	0	0
Furnace Attendant and Cleaner	13	10	0
,, Seaforth Branch—			
Heating, Lighting & Cleaning materials	15	4	3
Wages of Caretaker	13	0	0
,, Furniture, Fittings, and Repairs	4	11	10
,, Establishment Charges and Postages	23	5	8
,, Newspapers and Periodicals	79	14	11
,, Books	26	11	9
,, Subscription to Circulating Library	10	10	0
,, Bookbinding	21	4	6
,, Printing and Stationery	16	8	0
,, Lectures	16	9	8
	680	11	6
,, Balance in hand at end of year	90	5	0
Total...	£770	16	6

POPULAR LECTURES ACCOUNT

For the Second Session, 1909-1910.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
From Total Receipts from October 13th, 1909, to March 18th, 1910	37	1	3
	£37	1	3

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Distributing Syllabus ...	1	0	0
,, Admission Tickets	0	8	10
,, Printing Syllabus, Posters and Season Tickets £6 2 6; Programmes & Handbills 0 17 6	7	0	0
,, Lantern	4	5	2
,, Posting Posters	0	14	8
,, Postages	0	5	0
,, Sundry Expenses	1	16	5
	15	10	1
,, Balance in hand.....	21	11	2
	£37	1	3

MUSEUM ACCOUNT

For the Year ending 31st day of March, 1910.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Balance from year 1908-9	11	19	1
From General District Rate, 1909-10	268	10	0
,, Sale of Handbooks..	2	4	10
,, Donations for Specimen Cases	17	0	0
Total.....	£299	13	11

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Interest and Repayment of Loan	69	10	2
,, Salaries	60	0	0
,, Heating and Lighting	15	16	3
,, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	12	18	5
,, Wages of Caretaker and Cleaner	13	0	0
,, Furniture and Fittings	49	10	0
,, Joiners' and Plumbers' Work	4	16	11
,, Postages and sundry expenses.....	2	14	2
	228	5	11
,, Balance in hand at end of year	71	8	0
Total..	£299	13	11

MEMORANDA.

Population of Waterloo-with-Seaforth, 1901, 23,101; estimated 1910, 27,780.

Public Libraries Acts adopted September, 1892.

First Librarian appointed November, 1897.

Reading Room opened 17th January, 1898.

Lending Library opened 24th October, 1898.

Library Catalogue published October, 1899.

Class List of History, Biography and Travel published September, 1902

Second Librarian appointed December, 1902.

Catalogue of Fiction and Juvenile Literature published January, 1904.

Class List of Natural Science, Useful Arts and Fine and Recreative Arts published March, 1905.

Class List of Literature, Poetry and the Drama published December, 1905.

Seaforth Branch Library opened 17th March, 1906.

Class List of General Works, Philosophy, Religion, Sociology, and Philology published October, 1907.

Carnegie Library opened 6th February, 1908.

Museum opened, Echalaz [Ornithological] Collection presented 5th August, 1908.

First Popular Lecture given January, 1909.

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